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CN Food Distribution Program Opens New Warehouse

By Gary Robinson

Creek Nation's Commodity Food Distribution Program moved into its new warehouse and offices at East Eufaula and North Miami in Okmulgee, during the holidays. The new 12,500 square foot building features three loading docks, plenty of parking and a kitchen for nutrition education and other uses.

According to Program Administrator Charlie LaSarge, the new facility is almost twice as large as the old facility located at 4th and Alabama. His staff of ten will have 2,000 sq. ft. of office space and 10,500 sq.ft. of warehouse space.

The larger space, combined with the program's new refrigerated truck, will make the program more efficient and will better serve Indian clients who receive food through the program.

Creek Nation's Commodity program serves an average of 3,300 people per month. Twelve

(See WAREHOUSE on Page 3)



SHOWN WITH THE NEW REFRIGERATED TRUCK of the CN Commodity Food Distribution Program is left to right, Chief Cox, Vicki Carpenter, Community Services Director, Charlie LaSarge, Program Administrator and Roger Burness, Driver and Inventory Technician.

-Photo by Gary Robinson

Winter Energy Assistance Available to Elderly-

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Division of Community Services, will assist eligible low-income households with their winter heating costs for **all Indians age 60 years and over who reside within the Creek Nation.**

The amount of assistance for the primary household heating source is: Natural Gas- \$100(to be paid to the gas company- bring your statement); Propane- \$100(to be paid to vendor upon delivery and acceptance by participant); Wood- \$100(to be paid vendor upon delivery and acceptance by participant).

To be eligible for participation in the Creek Nation Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, all the following information must be verified. **All information**

must be brought with you to the site. The following information is needed:

-Applicant must be an American Indian, age 60 or over.

-Verification of Indian ancestry i.e. certificate of degree of Indian blood (CDIB) card.

-Verification of total household income. Must be within the income guidelines (listed below). Bring recent payroll check stubs (copies), social security statements, etc.

-Verification of residency within Creek Nation service delivery area, i.e. a utility statement with your address printed on the statement.

-Person must complete and sign an application form. Person(s) are permitted to have someone to

apply on their behalf **only with a signed statement authorizing another to apply for them. Statement must be brought in**

DATES & TIME

January 22, 1990

9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

January 23, 1990

9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

January 24, 1990

9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

DISTRICT LOCATIONS

Tulsa - Native American Coalition Center

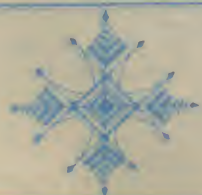
Creek - Kellyville (Silver Dollar Ballroom)

Muskogee - Muskogee Indian Community Center

Wagoner - Coweta Indian Community Center

Hughes - Wetumka Indian Community Center

(See ELDERLY ENERGY ASSISTANCE on Page 3)



Happy New Year 1990!



NATIVE AMERICAN AA MEETINGS

Every Monday Night at 8:00 p.m.

Oakdale School South of Okmulgee

A Fellowship of Those Who Have Been There and Who are Willing to Reach Out to Those That are Still Suffering. The Goal of The Meetings is to Establish a Support Group for Native Americans.

For Further Information, Call 756-8700 Ext. 207 or 211 or 623-1424 Ext. 276.



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The Muscogee Nation News is a monthly publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The offices are located one mile north of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, in the Creek Nation Complex.

The purpose of this publication is to act as the official publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and to meet any possible need of the Creek Nation through news coverage.

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Deadline for submission is the third Friday of each month. Submissions may be brought to the Muscogee Nation News office located in the Tribal Mound Building during the hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

Change of address or address corrections requested. For additional copies, call the MNN office at 918-756-8700, ext. 327, for arrangements. Address: P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK. 74447.

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NEW SCHEDULE FOR OILS:

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) has changed its toll free telephone number to 1-800-658-1497. Since OILS usually serves only persons living in Oklahoma, the new toll free number can only be used by state residents. OILS cannot accept collect calls.

OILS, a non-profit corporation, provides free legal services to low income Indian clients in civil actions involving Indian status issues. OILS has five priority areas: Indian housing, particularly problems involving mutual help homes; natural resources problems involving trust and restricted Indian land; Indian child welfare cases; tribal sovereignty issues, including tribal code development; and issue involving individual rights, such as Indian health care, social security, and, other federal benefits where restricted or trust property is involved, and Indian Civil Rights issues.

The current circuit riding schedule for OILS attorneys is as follows:

L. Susan Work- Every Thursday of the month at Satellite office in Seminole.

Henry Ware- First Friday of month at Comanche Tribe (a.m.)

First Friday of Month at Kiowa Tribe (p.m.)

Colline W. Meek- Last Friday of Month at Choctaw Nation (a.m.)

Michael C. Snyder- First Thurs. of month at Creek Nation (a.m.)

First Thursday of month at IHCRC (p.m.)

First Friday of month at Cherokee Nation (a.m.)

Please make an appointment, because the OILS attorneys will not appear on the scheduled day if they don't have any appointments for that day.

Letters

Dear MNN,

On OILS behalf, I would like to express my appreciation for the continued support your newspaper has given our

-OPEN HOUSE-

—COMMODITY FOOD WAREHOUSE—

All Citizens Of The Creek Nation Are Cordially Invited to Attend the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony and Open House of the New Creek Nation Food Distribution Program Commodity Building Located at the Corner of Miami and Eufaula Streets January 8, 1990, 1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.

Hors D'Oeuvres Made From Commodity Foods Will Be Served
THE PUBLIC IS INVITED

Letter...

organization in printing our press releases and maintaining our organization's name on your mailing list.

Through your assistance, OILS information has reached potential clients who would otherwise have no knowledge of our existence.

Although our staff is small, OILS strives to assist as many clients as possible who have Indian status related court cases.

Again, many thanks goes to you and your staff with our deepest appreciation. Our staff sends its hopes for a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years.

Very Truly Yours,
Thomasene Wind,
Office Manager

MNN DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE WILL BE JANUARY 19TH.

Dear MNN Editor,

This is a letter of introduction. My name is Levi Hill and I am 4/4 Creek from Eufaula. I would like the Indian people of Tulsa and surrounding communities to know of my affiliation with the Century 21 Jim Kelley Realty of Broken Arrow. I am interested in helping the Indian people that are interested in home ownership or selling of their homes. Also if you have any questions in the areas concerning Real Estate please feel free to give me a call at our office in Broken Arrow (918) 251-2571.

Also, Century 21 has a training program for training people in a career in Real Estate.

Thank You,
Levi Hill

Dear Tribal Members,

Thank you for your support and your vote on December 2. I feel it is a great honor to be elected as your Council Representative. I will ask for your continued support through your ideas and suggestions. With your help we will have a very progressive two years as we go into the 1990's.

Thank Each of You Again,
Seal C. Okmulgee
Charlie Litsey

Dear MNN,

Thanks to the Red Ribbon Volunteers. Now that the 1989 Red Ribbon Campaign is becoming a page in our short history, I wanted to write those involved and share my sincere thanks and appreciation. Through your contributions of time, talent, and treasure, we recorded one of the most successful campaigns in the country.

Our goal is lofty but simple, "To empower individuals to make their own drug free choice." You (volunteers) should feel good about the many corporations and the 50,000 Tulsa youth that participated in this years grass roots effort. Year by year as the campaign gains momentum, we hope that the incredible denial and profitability for drugs will be diminished. I thank you for your role in this year.

Best Regard,
Timothy F. Hankins
1989 Tulsa Chairman

Attention: Creek College Students!

The deadline to apply for Creek Nation's Higher Education Grants are: **Fall Semester '90- BIA Grants: June 1 and for the Spring Semester '90- November 1 and for the Creek Tribal Grant- June 15 and November 15.**

Please contact the Creek Nation Higher Education Office, PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447 (918) 756-8700 for further information.

NOTICE

Effective this issue of the Muscogee Nation News, the Minutes of the Creek Nation National Council meetings will not be run in the MNN--but are available upon request from the National Council Office, 756-8700, Ext. 341 or by writing the Council Office at PO Box 158, Okmulgee, OK 74447.



**Elderly Energy Assistance...
(Continued from Page 1)**

1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. Okfuskee - CARES Building

January 25, 1990 McIntosh - Eufaula Indian
9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. Community Center

1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. Okmulgee - Okmulgee Indian
Community Center

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL INCOME	MONTHLY INCOME
1	8,970	748.50
2	12,030	1,002.50
3	15,090	1,257.50
4	18,150	1,512.50
5	21,210	1,767.50
6	24,270	2,022.50
7	27,330	2,227.50
8	30,390	2,532.50

(For household units with more than 8 members, add \$3,060 to yearly totals.)

WAREHOUSE... (Continued from Page 1)

hundred families are certified to receive food and about 1,000 households are actually served each month.

The new facility was designed by an Indian-owned, Muskogee-based architectural firm, Scott and

Associates, and Yates Construction, an Indian-owned company from Shawnee, built the facility.

An open house will be held in the new building January 8 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The Public is invited.

Applications To Be Taken for Eyeglasses January 22-25

The Creek Nation Office of Community Health will begin taking applications for eyeglasses

DATES AND TIMES

January 22
9:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

January 23
9:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

January 24
9:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

January 25
9:00 a.m.- 11:30 p.m.

1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

-No applications will be taken at the Creek Nation Complex during the above dates.
-Individuals making application on behalf of another individual are required to submit a written authorization.

To qualify for the Creek Nation Eyeglass Assistance Program, persons must meet the following eligibility guidelines:

-Possess a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card.
-Reside within the Creek Nation

on Monday, January 22. A listing of dates and locations where applications will be taken are as follows:

DISTRICT LOCATIONS

Tulsa-Native American
Coalition Center

Creek- Kellyville
(Silver Dollar Ballroom)

Muskogee- Muskogee Indian
Community Center

Wagoner- Coweta Indian
Community Center

Hughes- Wetumka Indian
Community Center

Okfuskee- CARES Building

McIntosh- Eufaula Indian
Community Center

Okmulgee- Okmulgee Indian
Community Center

boundaries.

-Complete an application form.
-Not eligible if assisted by an IHS Optometry program within the past year.

-Priority given to those age 50 and over.

-Verify household income- must be within income guidelines:

**See INCOME GUIDELINES
in next column.**

-NOTICE-

Senior Community Services Employment

The Creek Nation, under the direction of the Division of Community Services, is the recipient of five positions employing senior citizens through the Senior Community Services Employment Program. Funding for these positions is provided by the National Indian Council on Aging, Inc. through a contract from the Department of Labor. Two of the five positions have been filled. The other three positions are still open at the following locations: one at the Okemah Hospital, and two at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Complex.

Applicants are encouraged to apply; however, they must meet the following requirements:

-applicant must be 55 years of age or older.

-applicants must have a physical before they can start to work.

-income eligible (125% of poverty guideline).

FAMILY SIZE	(Gross) 125% POVERTY
1	\$7,475
2	\$10,025
3	\$12,575
4	\$15,125
5	\$17,675
6	\$20,225
7	\$22,775
8	\$25,325

For more than 8 members, add \$2,550.00 for each. Applicants can only work 20 hours per week at \$3.35 per hour with the position for six months only.

If you are interested, and would like to fill out an application, please contact: William Dowdy, Sr., Community Services Specialist, Division of Community Services, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, (918) 756-8700 ext. 220.

NOTE: These guidelines of income do not affect Social Security payments. The income guidelines mean you cannot make above the amount shown per family.

SIZE OF FAMILY	(GROSS) *100 % POVERTY LEVEL	(GROSS) MONTHLY
1	5,980	498.33
2	8,020	668.33
3	10,060	838.33
4	12,100	1,008.33
5	14,140	1,178.33
6	16,180	1,348.33
7	18,220	1,518.33
8	20,260	1,688.33

For household units with more than eight members, add \$2,040.00 at 100% of poverty. *Footnote: Per Federal Register

**NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR ADOPTION
AND APPLICATION FOR ORDER DETERMINING
CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT
CONSENT OF NATURAL FATHER**

THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
TO: **Charlie Garrison, Father of
Summer Dawn Rumsey.**

You are hereby notified that the Petitioners have filed with this Court a Petition, in which they seek a Decree of Adoption of SUMMER DAWN RUMSEY, a minor child, and an Order determining that the said child was born out of wedlock and the natural father being Charlie Garrison whose whereabouts are unknown and that said Charlie Garrison has never acknowledged the minor child as his own and has never contributed to the support of said child during her lifetime, that the said child, Summer Dawn Rumsey, is eligible for adoption without your consent.

You are hereby notified that this Court will hear the evidence relating to the Petition and Application at 10 a.m. on the 7th day of February at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Court in Okmulgee, OK.

If you have any cause to show why the adoption should not be granted by the Court or why Summer Dawn Rumsey is not eligible for adoption without your consent, you should appear and present the same at the time and place described above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature and seal on this 28th day of December, 1989.
Patrick Moore, Judge



-PRESS TIME NOTICE-

The Legislative Overview will not appear as it does each month in this issue of the Muscogee Nation News. A decision to continue to publish it will be made upon the seating of the full National Council and a determination of that Council's legislative goals.

Kathryn Bell,
Editor, Muscogee Nation News

A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO KENNETH CHILDERS, SPEAKER, NATIONAL COUNCIL AND MICHAEL FLUD, CHIEF JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT CONVENING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS AND ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

In accordance with Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, do hereby convene the National Council on Saturday, January 6, 1990 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mound Building at the Capital Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

The purpose of the meeting shall be:

A. Administering the Oath of Office to Council Members for the 1990-91 term.

B. Electing Speaker, Second Speaker, and Sergeant at Arms.

C. Presenting the State of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Address.

I look forward to this occasion.

Claude A. Cox
Principal Chief

FOUR VOLUMES OF VIDEO PROGRAMS ON VHS VIDEOTAPE

Vol. 1

1. Este Mvskoke (The Muscogee People)
2. The Praise of Our Fathers: Spiritual Traditions Of The Muscogee People
3. Creek Council Oak Celebration
4. Folklore of The Muscogee People
5. Turtle Shells

Vol. 3

1. A More Perfect Union Part I
2. A More Perfect Union Part II
3. Creek Nation On The Move
4. Bingo Is Our Business
5. OK Indians Vote!
6. Creek Nation Festival '81
7. Where The Action Is

Vol. 2

1. 1,000 Years of Muscogee (Creek) Art
2. Tokon'he Crooked Sticks
3. Strength of Life: Knokovtee Scott
4. Green Corn Festival
5. Stickball: Little Brother of War
6. Alexander Posey

Vol. 4

1. A Time To Heal
2. The First Step
3. Broken Journey
4. Creek Nation Health Care
5. The Vital Link
6. Getting a Head Start
7. Native American Games

Available from: The Creek Nation Communications Department- PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447, 918/756-8700 ext. 310.

\$12.50/Tape

Complete Set \$50.00

—NOTICE—

The Creek Nation Communication Department has computerized the Muscogee Nation News mailing list. In the future we will only maintain a current mailing list. Any names and address returned by the Post Office will be eliminated from our list, and no record will exist of that person, as we will no longer keep a hard copy file on each reader.

It will be the responsibility of the reader to inform the Communication Dept. of any address change. The reader must include their Creek Roll Number when requesting to be added to the mailing list.



1990 Health Promotions Awards to be Given-

Tell us about your health promotion project and be considered for the 1990 "Healthy Tradition Awards!"

Native American health promotion awards will be given as part of "Promoting Healthy Traditions," a project of the American Indian Health Care Association. The awards program seeks to recognize innovative and successful health promotion projects dealing with difficult Native American health issues. Several projects will be awarded a small cash travel stipend (approximately \$200) while all of the programs will be included in a Native American health promotion bibliography. This bibliography will be distributed to health professionals throughout the country to increase access to information about Native American specific health projects.

Program descriptions will be accepted until April 15, and be no more than four pages and should include a brief discussion of program design, the implementation process, evaluation methods etc. Send these to Sheri Scott, 245 E. 6th St., Suite 499, St. Paul, MN 55101.

Inhalant Abuse Conference Video Available-

The CN Communications Department has produced a 30-minute videotape of the highlights of the Third Annual National Native American Conference on Inhalant Abuse which was held in Tulsa last November. The conference was sponsored by the University of Oklahoma's American Indian Institute.

The tape features excerpts from experts in the field of inhalants and inhalant abuse treatment from the United States and Canada. Inhalant use is a growing problem among American Indian Communities nationwide.

It is not uncommon for 10 and 12 year olds to appear in hospital emergency centers requiring treatment for the sniffing of gasoline, paint, white-out, or other solvents.

To obtain this program, contact Gary Robinson in the Communications Department at 918/756-8700 ext. 310.



200 Years of Census Taking

Swearing-In Ceremony Muscogee (Creek) National Council Saturday, January 6 10:00 A.M. Mound Building

The newly-elected National Council members will be sworn into office Saturday, January 6, at 10:00 a.m. The 29-member Council will be the largest elected legislative body representing Creek citizens since the days of the House of Kings and the House of Warriors in the 1800's.

Every elected tribal official takes an oath of office swearing to uphold the Creek Nation Constitution and serve the needs of the Muscogee (Creek) people. Everyone is invited to attend.

-NOTICE-
See the "State Of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation" Address in the Next Issue of the Muscogee Nation News.



COMMUNITY NEWS

-Photos by Elliot Barnett



AN AMAZED "HERD" OF HEADSTART REINDEER DELIGHTED THEIR AUDIENCE at the CN Headstart Christmas Program, December 19th in the Mound Building, by singing three Christmas songs, including "Silent Night" in the Muscogee (Creek) language. The Reindeer were Headstart students from the Eufaula Headstart Center, one of four Headstart Centers operated by the Creek Nation. Headstart teachers at Eufaula, in whose charge these reindeer were in are: Sue Owens, Nellie Hallum and Evelyn Dowling. The Headstart Director of all of the Centers is Sherryl Gonseth.



A LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC LITTLE REINDEER balks at the idea of standing up in front of all of those people in the Headstart Christmas program!



THE COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES (CHR'S) OF THE CREEK NATION, presented the CN Children and Family Services with 68 Christmas stockings to be given in conjunction with the Angel Tree Project, which was sponsored by the CN Children's and Family Services, and the Creek Nation Headstart Program. As part of the Angel Tree project, Creek Nation employees volunteered to be "angels" and provide a \$10 gift matched with the name of a needy child. The gifts, of the children's choice, were handed out a week before Christmas. The Community Health Representatives would like to thank the following for making the stockings possible: Manuel Britt, Okmulgee Indian Community, Okmulgee Indian Community Senior Citizens, Dollar-Saver and Wal-Mart. Shown left to right are: Pat Frank, CN Indian Child Welfare Program, Janet Keel, CHR program, Manuel Britt, Teresa Abel, CHR's, and Chiquita Juneau, CHR's.

CN Christmas Party...



THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF, RIGHT AND SECOND CHIEF PERRY BEAVER, were in attendance at the annual Creek Nation Employee Christmas Party held Tuesday, December 19, at the Okmulgee Bingo Hall. The Chief and Second Chief were presented with gifts and all enjoyed the Dinner, Christmas Carol Singing and of course, Bingo!

The Creek Nation Wishes All of It's Citizens a Very Prosperous and Happy New Year in 1990...



Obituaries

ELFRIEDA CASE

Iris Elfrieda Case, 60, Prague, died Monday, December 11, in a hospital in Nashville, Tennessee.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 14 at the First Baptist Church in Prague with Rev. Paul Heard, assisted by the Rev. J.B. White officiating. Burial was in the Paden Cemetery.

Mrs. Case was born February 3, 1929 in Paden to Aaron Wesley Fipps and Johnnie Lee Oliver Fipps. She had been a resident of the Prague area for 30 years, moving there from Paden. She was a retired aircraft order clerk from Tinker Air Force Base and a member of the Prague Holiness Church. She married Raymond Wright Case May 19, 1944 in Okemah.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and one grandson, Jon Michael Case on April 18, 1977.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond Case of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Katie Case, Shawnee; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Richard Harwell, Meeker; Donna and Dan Frey, Prague; June and Gary Davidson, Charlotte, NC; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Dalford Fipps, Milford, Michigan; Maurice and Irene Fipps, Moore; seven grandchildren and one granddaughter-in-law, Jeff and Doty Case, Shawna Case, Craig Harwell, Anja Heidgerken, Amber Heidgerken, Mark Davidson and Ross Davidson; and one step-granddaughter, Sabrina Frey.

BUFORD MORRISON

Buford Morrison was born November 24, 1919 at Lenna, Oklahoma. He was the son of Major Chester and Carrie Wood Morrison.

He grew up in Lenna, Oklahoma, attended public schools there and was graduated from Stidham High School. He then attended and later graduated from the Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Ks.

He was an Army veteran of WW II, having served with the 315th Infantry in the European Theatre of War. After his military service, he began employment with the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs.

His first employment with the Bureau was in New Mexico. He then was transferred to several Kansas communities, in Florida and Oklahoma, before retiring in 1976 as the District Superintendent for the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Wewoka, Oklahoma. He moved to Ottawa in 1975.

He was a member of the North Baptist Church, Ottawa; the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, and a member of the Ottawa Stroke Club.

On December 10, 1947 he was united in marriage to Barbara Jane Shepherd at Ottawa. She preceded her husband in death on November 29, 1984. He then married Joanne Marie Garrison on May 26, 1988 at North Baptist Church in Ottawa.

Buford was a patient at the Veteran's Administration Hospitals at Leavenworth and Kansas City since the middle of October. He passed away in the Leavenworth Hospital on Saturday, December 16, 1989. He was 70 years of age.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne, of the home; four stepsons, Shepherd Collins, and wife Judi, of Ottawa, Jay Garrison of Maryland, Jeff Garrison of Ft. Leonard Wood, MO., James Garrison and wife Carole of Olathe, KS.; one brother, John Levi Morrison of Yuma, AZ., six sisters Hattie Jones, Dorothy Reed, and Hettie Robinson all of Eufaula, Oklahoma, Mary Edwards and Lenora Copeland of Arvin, CA., and Liz Spear of Dustin, OK.; three step-granddaughters, Julie Thuro, Angie Dawn Collins and Jamie Lee Garrison; two step-great-grandchildren, Joshua Thuro and Christopher Collins.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Jackie Morrison and one sister Eloise Morrison.

Buford will long be remembered as a loyal and devoted employee. He will be sadly missed, but always remembered by those whose lives he touched.

CREEK CALENDAR 1990-

A full-page monthly calendar will be printed in each issue of the Muscogee Nation News.

Any CN Program, Community, Church or Tribal Town, having important events or dates which they would like to have announced, please notify the Communication Dept. ext 327. The Deadline for information will be the same MNN Deadline, (third Friday of each month).

Creek Nation National Council Office Secretary Position Available

Job Title: Secretary

Salary Range: Negotiable

Location: CN National Council Office.

Job Duties: Perform all secretarial activities necessary as assigned. Attend committee meetings of the National Council, Gaming Operations Authority Board, and Hospitals and Clinics Board as assigned. Responsible for maintaining accurate files; recording verbatim minutes of the Gaming Operations Authority Board meetings. Experience in word processing, preferably Word Star. Skilled in mechanics of writing long, formal reports and business letters. Familiarity with Creek Government and Culture.

Job Qualifications: High School diploma or GED with at least 60 hours of college credit in secretarial science or a minimum of two years work experience in business office. Meet with and interact with the public with a high degree of professionalism. Capable of working irregular hours. Type 60 wpm, shorthand 70 wpm. INDIAN PREFERENCE.

Closing Date: January 15 or until filled.

Send applications to: The Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Personnel Services, PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447 or telephone 918/756-8700 ext.389-390.

"Wellness & Women" Conference Feb.6-9

"Wellness & Women" is the theme of a February 6-9 Conference to be held in Phoenix, Arizona at the Hyatt Regency, sponsored by the The Health, Urban and Community Programs at the University of Oklahoma. For further information, contact Billy Rogers, 405/325-1791 or 1-800-523-7363 ext. 179 (outside Oklahoma).

Reader Expresses Concern Over Tribal Bingo

My Fellow Tribal Members,

I have been receiving mail from candidates seeking re-election on the National Council and some to be elected for the very first time. Some were my relatives. Some were relatives to each other. I found it disheartening how position and power makes attitudes/character diminish. I am a Pastor in Montana, but I still hear of the friction of our Tribe. It is also shameful of the tribe to advocate gambling in any form whether it be in Bingo or any other sort.

I work here on a reservation and gambling has become commonplace among our people here. It is not unusual to see casinos and other types of gambling establishments in existence here. I see people entering into these places with pay checks and leaving with nothing. Meanwhile, their families go hungry or without heat or utilities because they are addicted to that lifestyle.

You may think, 'well, that will never happen in our Tribe,' I must bring you into reality, yes it does happen and I feel that you are aware of it. Why should we contribute to this form of vice? Do we quit looking at our seal of the Muscogee Nation? It has for it's theme Biblical standards and reminds us that it is not that we should profit from other people's illnesses but to prosper with the Lord's guidance. Have we lost it? Have we lost our morals?

I don't really support any person who feels that bingo is right. People ask me how our tribe is and I am embarrassed to say that we are strong supporters of bingo. Well, I am not! Years ago, a lady told me to vote for a certain person first, because he was of a certain denomination. Secondly, because he supported bingo. I can't support people with that view.

According to my Christian belief, it is wrong. I have confronted our tribal leaders of

the matter and they brush it off as a ridiculous subject. The only ridiculous part about it is that we are so blind to the sensitivity of what it can do to our people. We have preachers who look the other way, and that is a shame.

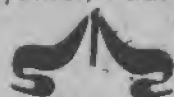
I really wanted to make our people sit up and listen and realize what can and does happen. I am proud to say that I am of the Creek people but I hope that we as a tribe shouldn't have to hang our heads in shame. Let's re-evaluate our motives and dreams and envision what we can be.

Sincerely,
Reuben A. Kinney
Apsalokaa Baptist Church
Crow Agency, Montana

Note of Thanks-

No words can express the sincere heartfelt thanks we would like to give to all those who expressed sympathy in so many wonderful ways. A special thank you to all the members of the Creek Chapel Church, Parks Brothers, and the Creek Nation. To all, your beautiful expressions of sympathy and your support brought lasting comfort during the tragic loss of our father, Paul R. Jimboy.

Forever Grateful,
The Jimboy Family



OFIW Pow-Wow Set March 3 in OKC-

The Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women will hold it's Annual Pow-Wow and Crowning of 1990 Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma on March 3 at the Old International Building in Oklahoma City.



NEWS NOTES

Senate Indian Investigative Report Available-

The Special Investigative Committee of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs has completed its two-year investigative into alleged fraud and mismanagement among tribal governments. The 240-page report is now available by request at: Senate Document Room, Room B-04 Hart Building, US Senate, Washington, DC 20510. Request the report by *Senate Report 101-261* and enclose a self-addressed adhesive label.

(Information from the NIEA Newsletter, Karen Funk)

—JOB ANNOUNCEMENT—

The American Indian Program at Cornell University is attempting to fill a full-time tenure track position for a new Director. We hope to fill the position by July of 1990 and would appreciate your listing the enclosed announcement in your publication:

The position is that of a Director, Associate Professor/Professor/tenure track/fiscal year appointment. The starting date is June 1 at the American Indian program Office at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. The applicant must have a PH.D. (or professional equivalent) and sufficient academic experience and credentials for academic appointment at the associate or full professor level. The salary is competitive and commensurate with background and experience. Applications, including letter of application, vitae, sample publications, and names and addresses of four professional references should be sent to: Dr. Daniel H. Usner Jr., Chair of Search Committee-AIP Director, Dept. of History, McGraw Hall, Ithaca, NY

14853, or call (607) 255-6753 or 255-3222. Review of applicants beginning February 1.

NIEA Planning 22nd Annual Conference-

The National Indian Education Association is currently making plans for its 22nd Annual Conference. The date has been set for October 13-17 at the Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center in San Diego, California. The tentative theme for NIEA for the 1990'S is "Putting Indian Education to Work--The Effective Connection." New events will be added to the conference which include a pre-conference John Roulliard Memorial Golf Tournament, shopping trips to Mexico, southern California tours, etc. The call to Conference will be out by March 15 and will detail all events for the 1990 conference. The

NEOSU Symposium-

The 18th Annual Indian Heritage activities of the Symposium on the American Indian will be held March 26-31 at the Northeastern State University campus in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. This year's Symposium theme is: "Rising Phoenix." For more information, contact Carol Young, Chairperson, College of Social Sciences, NEOSU, Tahlequah, OK 74464-7098.

**Happy
New
Year**

Crime Victim Compensation Program Information-

Native American victims of violent crimes in Oklahoma are eligible to apply for compensation to cover their out-of-pocket expenses resulting from personal injuries. Crime victim compensation will pay qualified victims for hospital and doctor bills, mental health counseling, and lost wages and support. Families of homicide victims also are eligible for funeral expenses.

To qualify, victims are required to report claims promptly, cooperate fully with police and prosecutors, and submit appropriate applications. Victims may be compensated for physical and sexual assault, rape, child

abuse, murder, and other crimes resulting in injuries. The program generally does not pay for property losses from theft or other offenses. Native Americans are eligible to apply for crime victim compensation whether or not the crimes fall under tribal, state or federal jurisdiction.

In Oklahoma, the crime victim compensation program may be reached by calling (405) 521-2330.

The geographical remoteness of some Indian lands, as well as cultural and language differences, pose special problems to the compensation program in reaching

Letter From Evangelist Ernest Best...

"But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His son, made of a woman..." Galatians 4:1

Just reading this verse brings forth wonderful memories of Christmases past...Of a Christmas when we had a pantomime and a monologue with voices of Mary and God, the Father. We had a three week-old baby in our church whom we placed in the little manger to be Baby Jesus. The last line of the monologue was spoken by God, "Behold I hear a baby cry." On cue, "Baby Jesus" woke up and cried. Of the first Christmas after Gary and Paula Hawkins started the church on the Blackfeet Reservation in Montana. Paula had gotten a play together with the children. In the midst of the nativity scene, Paula looked up to discover that her little shepherds had disappeared! She almost fainted..The people started motioning to her from the audience. The shepherds were making their way out...under the pews!

Our memories of Christmas are precious. Some bring tears to our eyes and others make us laugh. But Christmas is much more than sentimentality. We must remember that the Scriptures say, "God so loved the world that He gave His Son..." Jesus gave His life. He also gave gifts..."pastors and teachers for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

Where are those gifts that Jesus gave. Those called out men and women of God? Is He not still calling? or, are we not willing to give. Are we not willing to give of our time to pray the Lord of the Harvest to send forth laborers? Not willing to give up our life of ease to go? Not willing to give up some of our luxuries and sacrifice so others can go? Not willing to give up our children, teach them about missions and ask God to call them to the mission field? Where are the men and women of old who counted all but loss and went to the mission field, some burying their wives and children there, in order to win the lost to Christ? Are we living in the remnant phase of church history?

Let us search our hearts and find out what God really wants us to do and give. Does he want just our Christmas missions offering or does He want total surrender of our lives to His will?

We have just returned from the West Coast tour which we began in early October and we are so burdened by the needs of that area of our nation. We are made to think of Jesus as He sat and looked down upon the city of Jerusalem and wept, because they were as sheep without a shepherd. There are thousands of Native Americans out there with no pastors. Of the five churches we were in, three were without pastors, and another has a pastor who is very elderly. There are people who love the Lord, hunger for His Word, and need pastors. We love them. We left part of our heart in each place.

Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support of this ministry. God bless you and your families, and churches during this blessed season when we celebrate the birth of our Dear Lord.

*Your Missionaries to the American Indians,
Bro. Ernest and Bennie Best*

Four Volume Sets of CN Videos Available-

Creek Nation Video Programs are now available for purchase in a four volume set for \$50 or \$12.50 each. There will no longer be a two to four week delay in filling orders for video tapes as was necessary in the past. Tapes can be purchased in the Communications Department or by mail. Call 918/756-8700 ext. 310 for more information.

-DENTAL CLINIC SIGNUP-

The Okmulgee Dental Clinic Signup Day is the second Friday of each month at 1:00 p.m. for patients over the age of 19. For further information contact the Dental Clinic at 756-8700 ext. 254.

Native American victims and meeting their needs. The compensation program can use the help of Native American tribal authorities, law enforcement officers, social workers, medical providers, print and broadcast media, and other concerned groups and individuals in making victim compensation opportunities available.

The National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards has established a committee to assist in this effort.

For further information, please call Executive Director Dan Eddy at (202)293-5420.



Creek Nation Independent Agencies Building (The Mound) is fashioned after the ancient Creek mounds found in Georgia and Alabama. The Mound houses the offices of the Creek Nation Higher Education; the Communications Department; Judicial Branch; Office of Justice; Gaming Commission and the National Council Chambers. A 250 seat auditorium is located in the center of the Mound. The Mound is one of several office buildings located at the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee.

Ho'tvle-hv'se (Wind Month) February

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New Commodity Food Warehouse Opens-



FORMAL RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONIES AND OPEN HOUSE WERE HELD AT THE NEW CREEK NATION COMMODITY Food Warehouse on January 8. During the Ribbon-Cutting held above, on the front steps of the new warehouse located at Miami and Eufaula Street, the Principal Chief explained the Commodity Food program and thanked everyone present for coming out in support of Creek Nation. Over 500 people attended the Ribbon-Cutting. Pictured left to right are: Michael Harker, Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce Ambassador; Bob Phillips, Ambassador; Carlisle Mabrey, Okmulgee Mayor; Eugene Birdcreek, CN National Council Representative for Okfuskee District; George Almerigi, CN National Council Representative for Okmulgee District; Chief Cox; Tom Duncan, County Commissioner; Francis Nick and Lola McFalls, Ambassadors; Pictured back row, l. to r.; Amelia Ehly, C of C; Bruce Mabrey and Barry Scott, Ambassadors. -Photo by Gary Robinson See Related Photo Page 3...

Creek Nation Giving the 'Gift of Life'...



GIVING THE 'GIFT OF LIFE' IS Joanne Monahwee, Creek Nation employee with the Elderly Nutrition Program. She was among thirty-one CN employees who donated blood during the January 5 Red Cross Blood Drive held in the Mound Building Lobby.

Economic Planning Workshop Set Feb. 20

The Creek Nation in cooperation with the Small Business Development Center and Oklahoma State University, Technical Branch, is hosting an Economic Planning Workshop for Indian communities in the Creek Nation Mound Building on **Tuesday, February 20**, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The workshop is titled, "Target Analyses Techniques for Identifying Business Opportunities in a Rural Community." As the title indicates, this workshop is designed to equip participants with the skills necessary to identify business opportunities in a rural community utilizing a research technique called target analyses.

Basically, this technique compares existing community data with another community and identifies oversupplied or undersupplied industries. A special feature of this program is the component of taking in consideration the characteristics of a rural community.

This type of training will be valuable to community members in the planning of recruitment, building and expansion of a business venture in their communities.

Anyone interested in attending this conference can contact Bill Dowdy, Community Services Specialist or Vicki Carpenter, Director, Division of Community Services at 918/756-8700 for further information.

-----NOTICE-----

Applications Accepted for Elderly Eyeglass Program-

The Creek Nation continues to take applications for elderly persons eligible for eyeglasses. Individuals may come by the CHR office to make application for this program. The CHR office is located at the Creek Nation Complex in Okmulgee. Applicants are advised to bring household income verification statements with them to the CHR office when making application. For more information, contact Chiquita McNac, 918/756-8700.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

To enter the Sweetheart Contest for the Okmulgee Indian Community to be held February 16. For further information, contact the Creek Nation at 756-8700 Chiquita McNac at Ext. 361 or Vicky Watashe at Ext. 277.



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The Muscogee Nation News is a monthly publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The offices are located one mile north of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, in the Creek Nation Complex.

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Deadline for submission is the third Friday of each month. Submissions may be brought to the Muscogee Nation News office located in the Tribal Mound Building during the hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

Change of address or address corrections requested. For additional copies, call the MNN office at 918-756-8700, ext. 327, for arrangements. Address: P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK. 74447.

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Letters

Dear Tribal Member,

Our 1990 Council is now in session. Hopefully we will soon begin to make progress.

It's good to see so many citizens turn out for our Council Meetings. With your continued support we the Council will be making progress in Health care, jobs and education for all the people. Hope to see you at our next Council meeting.

Sincerely,
Charlie Litsey
Rep. Seat C

The following letter was sent to Bernice Hale, the Chief's secretary regarding an upcoming conference at the Creek Nation-

Dear Mrs. Hale:

As I related to you previously, the activity planned for the evening of March 22, 1990, will be an opportunity for members of the Indian campus clubs from the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, Northeastern State University, and the University of Tulsa to meet with Mr. Kevin Locke and Ms. Jackie Delahunt, nationally recognized Native American leaders in the field of education and Native American cultural traditions. Even though the final details have yet to be worked out, I can relate to you the general outline of the program which will be represented.

First and foremost, the speakers will address the importance to the future constructive development of Native Americans, and their specific nations, of full education for tribal members.

Second is the necessary intertwining, socially, economically and culturally, of Native Americans and non-Indians in order to satisfy the desperate need of non-Indians to reorient themselves to a more healthy and holistic Native American lifestyle that places the individual back in proper perspective with his/her natural environment, which would lead to viable responses to current environment crises.

Third is the need for a fusion of best of the Native American traditions with those from the white, African-American, and Asian cultural backgrounds in order to bring Native American tribes, the nation, and ultimately the world into a balance.

Last Mr. Locke and Ms. Delahunt will target the profound and outstanding destiny of the Indian populations throughout the Americas, North, Central and South.

The overall goal of the program will be to provide the participants with a positive vision for the future, one which can energize them to strive to make beneficial changes in society.

Most sincerely,
(s)
James F. Sloan

Dear Chief Cox,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the use of the Conference Room for administering the GATB Test. We appreciate your generosity in allowing us to use this room each week for the last two years.

Due to the reduced number of applicants requesting the GATB and the reduction in the local office staffing, we no longer need the space provided by you. We will be administering the GATB Test in the local office every other week. Thanks again for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Cogee L. Keith, Manager
Oklahoma State Employment
Oklahoma State Employment
Service

Dear Chief Cox,

I have been very busy and negligent in writing this letter to you. I sincerely want to express my gratitude to you and the Creek tribe for the loyal support you have provided me throughout my undergraduate training. I graduated this past May with a degree in Clinical Dietetics and have since that time taken the Dietician Registration Examination. With great pride and relief I am happy to say I passed and am officially a Registered Dietician. You all have helped to make my goal and dream to become a dietician. I cannot thank you enough.

I am currently enrolled in fulltime status in graduate school getting further education in Nutrition and Health Promotion. I am very enthusiastic and motivated to complete this program in two years at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Once again, many thanks to you and the tribe for your invaluable support. I am sure that it will be of benefit to the Indian people as I desire to work with them and provide the best service and education of which I am capable.

Sincerely,
DeAnne M. Chouteau



Creek Calendars for Sale

Muscogee (Creek) poster calendars are now for sale to benefit the American Indian Hymn Singing Group. The calendars show the months written in the Creek language and the meaning of the words. The calendars also have the state-wide Indian Baptist Church schedule for 1990. To order send \$4.00 to: George Bunny, 2941 Cashion Pl. Oklahoma City, OK. 73112.

To Whom It May Concern:

I want to thank you for your financial support in putting me through school. I finished at Northeastern State University with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education this December. Without God and your help it could not have been possible. I hope everyone that you support can realize what a privilege it is to have Creek Nation to care enough about your education and what it means. The higher education program has been a great asset to me and I'm sure others feel the same. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,
Felicia Pittman

All-Indian Basketball Tournament

A six foot and under All-Indian Double Elimination Basketball Tournament will be held March 9, 10, 11 at the Salvation Army Boys Club, 1231 N. Harvard, Tulsa. The proceeds of the Tournament will benefit the 10 years and Under Baseball team.

The roster limit is ten players and the entry fee is \$80 with a 16 team limit. There will be first, second, third and fourth place team awards and first, second and third place individual awards. Entry deadline is March 5.

To enter, contact Richard James, 18119 N. Harvard, Tulsa, OK 74115 or call 834-5459 or the staff of the Salvation Army Boys Club, 834-2464.

1990 Creek Calendars

A 1990 poster size Creek Calendar, 18"x24" large print on gray stock with maroon ink with the months and days of the week are written in the Muscogee-Creek language are being offered for a contribution of \$3.30 at the Senior Citizens Gift shop at the Complex. If ordering by mail the cost is \$4.00 to include postage and handling.

The calendar is being offered by Morning Star Ministries. All contributions go to promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in Prison Outreach ministry, Reservation outreach and through Christian music.

To order the calendar, write to Morning Star Ministries, P. O. Box 97, Bixby, OK. 74008, or go by the Senior Citizens Gift Shop located at the Creek Complex in Okmulgee.

-----MNN DEADLINE-----

The Deadline for the March Issue of the MNN is FEBRUARY 16, FRIDAY.



Candidates Needed for **GALA OPEN HOUSE AT COMMODITY FOOD WAREHOUSE—** CN Princess 90-91

The Princess Committee is now seeking candidates for the CN Princess. This year's pageant is scheduled for April 28th. Deadline for applications will be April 7th.

Applicants must be a Junior in High School to a Junior in College.

For further information on rules, other requirements and applications contact: Pat Morgan, CN Princess Committee, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK. 74447.

Creek Receives Academic Honors—

James Bennefield, Creek, is among 333 students who have earned recognition on academic honor rolls for the fall semester at Northern Oklahoma College, Tonkawa.

Bennefield, a Ramona sophomore, has been named to the Dean's honor roll. He is majoring in pre-engineering.

Dean's honor roll students must maintain a 3.0 or higher grade average in a minimum of twelve hours during the semester.



ENJOYING THE REFRESHMENTS SERVED AT THE OPEN HOUSE of the new Creek Nation Commodity Food Warehouse, are, left to right, Mrs. Eugene Birdcreek and Elizabeth Hanson. Present at the Open House and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremonies were Vicki Carpenter, Director for the Division of Community Services and Charlie LaSarge, Manager of the CN Food Distribution Program.

The new warehouse contains 12,500 ft.- 2,000 in office space and 10,500 square ft. in warehouse space. The Food Distribution program serves 1200 families and approximately 3400 individuals on a monthly basis. -Photo by Gary Robinson

National Council Seats 29 Members:

'State of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Address Given January 6-

-Photos by George Tiger



PRINCIPAL CHIEF COX delivers the 'State of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation' Address at a special National Council meeting convened by the Chief January 6. Pictured in the foreground in the Mound Auditorium where the Address was delivered at 10 a.m. are National Council members, left to right, Earl Wheeler (with back to camera), Robert Buck, Hopsy Mae Jackson and Irene Ciegorn (back to camera.)



CHIEF JUSTICE FOR THE CREEK NATION TRIBAL COURT, MIKE FLUD, administers the Oath of Office to Johnson Buck, National Council Representative for Hughes District. Justice Flud performed the Swearing-In ceremonies for all twenty-nine National Council representatives before the delivery of Chief Cox's State of the Nation address.



Indian Leaders Gather For Historic Tribal Summit

-Photos by Kathryn Bell

It was history in the making, as the first Oklahoma Tribal Leaders Summit was held January 17-19 at the Remington Inn in Oklahoma City.

The topic of the four-day Summit attended by approximately 100 people, was the "New Federalism." Charles Gourd, executive director of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, the sponsoring agency of the Summit, said the timing was right for the Tribal Leaders Summit. "We are the first group of Indian tribes in any state to get together to do this. As Governor Bellmon pointed out, we're not among the leaders of tribes in the state or state government- *We are the leader.* For example, our legislation on the joint committee on state-tribal relations has been copied by five states. Michael Anderson told me that our agenda has gone nationwide and now they are leaving here to go to a meeting of all the tribes in Washington State and then to a meeting of all the tribes in Arizona. They are following the lead of tribes here in Oklahoma."

The concept of "New Federalism" is greater self-determination for the tribes through direct allocation of funds previously given to government agencies such as the BIA, with the negotiations to be handled between the tribes and an office set up at the Presidential level (the Office of Federal-Tribal Relations.)

The Senate recommendation came at the conclusion of exhaustive Special Committee investigations in their final report to the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs.

If accepted, Indian tribes would become recipients of federal block grants. These Tribal Self-Government Grant (TSGG) would grant tribes their proportional share of the current federal Indian budget as a permanent entitlement.

Chief Cox, Chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, called for support of the "New Federalism" proposal in a Welcome Address he gave the opening day of the Summit. "I certainly support this proposal, it's an opportunity to do something we've been wanting to do for a long time. Our two Oklahoma Senators really push to help the tribes in Oklahoma." The Chief explained the proposal from his perspective- "A lot of the tribal

leaders don't understand the proposal- it would be just like a treaty, or an agreement with the United States government, which means more tribes would be in control of their funds to meet their needs in education, health and economic development." He emphasized, "we're talking about a lot of money."

Michael Anderson, Creek, and General Counsel for the Investigative Committee, who was present to give the Keynote Speech the opening day of the conference, said "What we would like the federalism approach to be is to allow tribal governments to exercise more local authority and control of their own affairs. Therefore, like a state government, the tribe would increase its powers and not be under the paternalistic control of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service and other federal agencies."

Other federal officials invited to participate were: Dr. Everett Rhoades, IHS director; Eddie Brown, Asst. Sec. of the Interior, BIA; Timothy Wapato, Commissioner, ANA; Gordon Mansfield, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. State officials included: Governor Bellmon, Robert Fulton, Social Services Cabinet Sec.; Betty Price, State Arts Council. In addition, the State Department of Commerce, the Department of Tourism and the State Historical Society were invited to give presentations.

The ongoing status of the Special Investigative Committee was explained by Sam Hirsh, of the Committee- "The special committee which created the proposal will be going out of business at the end of February and then it's going to be in the hands of the two legislative committees in the Senate and the House. They're planning on holding hearings sometimes this year, perhaps as early as spring and get input from Indian Country after which they will start drafting legislation and the process will take off. It's a long-term proposal."

The Special Investigative Committee culminated its work in a 238-page report just released by the Senate Select Committee (under the leadership of U.S. Senator DeConcini) reported on investigations of fraud, mismanagement and corruption of federal programs designed to aid Indians.

(See SUMMIT on next Page)



PRINCIPAL CHIEF CLAUDE COX, RIGHT, IS SHOWN WITH MICHAEL ANDERSON, General Counsel for the Senate Select Special Investigative Committee. Anderson, a Creek tribal member, addressed the "New Federalism" proposal before the tribal leaders at the Summit. Chief Cox, Chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, called for the tribes to unite and for the larger tribes to help those smaller tribes to move ahead into the New Federalism proposal. "I think it will be the best thing that ever happened," he said.



THE FIRST OKLAHOMA TRIBAL SUMMIT was termed a success with approximately 200 people in attendance for the four-day event. Helen Burgess, right, was the Conference Coordinator. She is also a Creek tribal citizen and Deputy Director of the sponsoring organization, Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. With her are Creek citizens, Helen Chupco, left, Creek Nation National Council Representative for the Muskogee District and Greg Bigler, middle, the Creek Nation tribal attorney.



Historic Tribal Summit



CREEK NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS were present at the Tribal Summit- shown above is left to right, Ed Frye, Council Member for the Creek District, Irene Cleghorn, middle, Council representative from the Tulsa District and Clarence Cloud, Council representative from the Creek District. National Council representative Frank Kamp, McIntosh District, was present but not pictured during the Summit.

-Photo by Gary Robinson



DR. EVERETT RHOADES, DIRECTOR OF THE INDIAN Health Services, is interviewed by George Tiger, Creek Nation Liaison to the Principal Chief, for Tiger's public affairs program on KOTV-Channel 6, Tulsa, "Inside Native America." Rhoades, who was on Thursday's agenda, gave his response to the "New Federalism" proposal.



Helen Burgess, Conference Coordinator and Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission Deputy Director, is preparing a final Summit Report and it will be available soon. Contact the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, 4010 North Lincoln, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 for further information.



CREEK NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS Harvey Gilroy, left and George Almerigi, are shown with Woody Anderson, the economic development coordinator for the Creek Nation as they attend the various presentations concerning issues affecting the future of Indian tribes throughout the country, particularly the "New Federalism" proposal. "I found the New Federalism concept very interesting and I think that perhaps we need to take a better look at it and see how it may benefit our Tribe," said Anderson.

Oklahoma Tribal Leaders Summit Resolutions January 19, 1990

Resolution No.	Resolution Title - Action Taken
90-01	United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) - Passed
90-02	Eight Member IHS Committee - Passed
90-03	Urban Renewal Crisis-Referred to Committee
90-04	Amendment of Senate Bill 1444 - Passed
90-05	Tribal Bonds Not Subject to Taxation - Passed
90-06	Health Care Equity Funding - PL100-713 - Passed
90-07	Amendment to Oklahoma Statute 295411 & 297503 (State Wildlife Dept.) - Passed
90-08	Amendment of the Major Crimes Act of 1885 - Passed
90-09	Add-On Funding for Urban Indian Block Grants - Passed
90-10	Support of Assistant Secretary Brown's Initiatives - Passed
90-11	Support of Assistant Secretary Brown Exercising Administration Through Directives - Passed
90-12	Formation of Mineral Rights Group funded by the Bureau of Land Management - Tabled
90-13	Position Statements Concerning Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act - Passed
90-14	Repatriation Bills - Passed
90-15	Establishment of the Position of a Permanent Director of Indian Education - Passed
90-16	Resolution of Commendation - Passed
90-17	Management of Trust Funds - Passed
90-18	"No New School" - Passed
90-19	White House Conference - Passed

(See Related Photo Page 13)



Creek Nation Festival - June 17, 18 & 19, 1990

National Council Legislative Overview

By Gary Robinson

Extraordinary Session - Jan. 6

The Principal Chief called for this Extraordinary Session of the National Council, as specified in the Creek Nation Constitution, to give his State of the Nation address and to swear in the newly elected National Council.

First, the 29-member Council was sworn in by Supreme Court Judge Mike Flud, beginning their 1990-1991 two year terms. Newly seated Council members were Mose Cahwee and Earl Wheeler of Creek District, Thomas Yahola of Hughes District, Tommy Pickering of McIntosh District, Eugene Birdcreek and Mae Jackson of Okfuskee District, Tony Hale and Charlie Litsey of Okmulgee District, and Richard Berryhill and Helen Duncan of Wagoner District.

Then, Council officers were elected. Kenneth Childers was elected to serve another term as Speaker of the Council. Earl Wheeler was voted in as Second Speaker, and Larry Bible was elected Sargent-at-arms.

Afterwards, Chief Cox gave the State of the Muscogee Nation address to those assembled.

Special Session - Jan. 11

National Council Speaker Kenneth Childers called the meeting to order and called the roll. Twenty-eight members were present, with Johnson Buck being the only member absent.

The first item of business was the reading of Chief Cox's veto message concerning NCA 89-173, a bill authorizing the Speaker of the Council to negotiate for a certified independent audit of disputed IHS contracts. The Chief objected to the bill on the grounds that an audit was already being conducted.

The veto message having been read, the Speaker entertained a motion to override the veto. Ed Frye made a motion to override, and Larry Bible seconded the motion. The results of the vote were 19 in favor and 9 against, with no abstentions. Those voting no were G. Almerigi, E. Birdcreek, R. Buck, H. Chupco, H. Gilroy, T. Hale, M. Jackson, C. Johnson, and C. Litsey.

The 2/3 vote required to override the veto was not achieved, and the veto stands.

The second item of business was a

vote on whether or not the Council wanted the Legislative Report to continue being printed in the Muscogee Nation News. Charlie Litsey made a motion that a letter be written to Gary Breshears authorizing the monthly publication of the Legislative Overview. Donna Rhodes seconded the motion. The voting results were 27 in favor, none against and no abstentions.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Special Session - Jan. 18

After the Council's January Planning Session, a Special Session was convened by Second Speaker Earl Wheeler, to consider action on one bill. Roll call results were: 22 present and 7 absent. Absent members were R. Berryhill, K. Childers, I. Cleghorn, C. Cloud, H. Gilroy, C. Johnson and T. Pickering.

Tommy Pickering arrived after the roll call and changed to count to 23 present and 6 absent.

A bill was then introduced appropriating supplemental funding for the Headstart staff to attend an Indian Child and Family Conference in New Mexico. This bill adds \$5,200 from Bingo revenues to the FY'90 budget for the Headstart program.

This bill was passed with a vote of 18 in favor, 3 against and one abstention. The no votes were cast by G. Almerigi, T. Hale, and C. Litsey. Jerry Wilson abstained from voting.

After this business was conducted, the meeting was adjourned.

Regular Session- January 27

By Kathryn Bell

The Creek Nation National Council met Saturday, January 27, 1990 in a Regular Session in the Mound Auditorium at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribal Capital Complex.

The meeting was called to order by Speaker Kenneth Childers. A quorum was declared and the minutes of January 18 Special Session approved.

The agenda was acted upon as follows:

Under "New Business", agenda item 1A, "Approving A Business Lease Covering Property Owned by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation," was passed unanimously by the

Council. The Bill, NCA 89-176, was introduced by Chief Cox and was recommended as "Do Pass" by the Tribal Affairs Committee. A motion was made by Charlie Litsey and seconded by Johnson Buck to pass the bill, which referred to a business lease between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Union Metal Corporation of Muskogee.

Under "Items for Consideration" the next agenda item 1B, "Providing Authorization for the Children and Family Services Department to Apply for Federal Funding for Operation of an Indian Child Welfare Program During Fiscal Year 1990", was also approved unanimously by the Council. The Bill, NCA-90-02, was introduced by Chief Cox and was recommended as "Do Pass" by the Community Services Committee. The bill authorizes the Principal Chief or his designee to apply for Title II funds from the BIA to continue operation of the Creek Nation Indian Child Welfare Program throughout FY-90.

A motion to adopt this bill was made by Larry Bible and seconded by Jerry Wilson.

Agenda item 1C, "Entering into a Agri-business Management Contract" was sent back to the Tribal Affairs Committee for more work. The motion for this action was made by Clarence Cloud, seconded by Donna Rhodes and passed unanimously. The bill, NCA-90-06, was introduced by the Tribal Affairs Committee with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The bill involves renewal of a contract with Thomas McIntosh and the Creek Nation to manage the Creek Nation Agri-business.

Next, "Appropriating Supplemental Funding for a Smokeshop for the Weleetka Indian Community- Budget Modification No. 90-02" (agenda item 1D) was unanimously voted in by the assembled Council, with a motion made by Charlie Litsey and seconded by Clarence Cloud to approve. The bill, NCA-90-01, was introduced by Bill Fife and Eugene Birdcreek, and recommended as "Do Pass" by the Business

and Governmental Services and Tribal Affairs Committee. The bill involved a permanent revenue source (smokeshop) to pay for the operation of it's Center, community projects and provide tribal government tax revenue.

Agenda item 1E, "Authorizing the Expenditure of Funds for a Community Development Grant to the Okfuskee Indian Community Center" was unanimously carried by the Council, with a motion made by Bill Fife and seconded by Tommy Pickering to approve. The bill, NCA-90-04, was introduced by Bill Fife and recommended as "Do Pass" by the Business and Governmental Services and Tribal Affairs Committee. It involves a multi-purpose center for the community as well as repairs and equipment.

Agenda item 1F, "Appropriating Bingo Revenues to the Oklahoma City Indian Community and Tulsa Creek Indian Community for Programs and Services" was sent back to the Business and Government Services Committee who sponsored the bill, (NCA-90-05) with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The voting was as follows: A motion was made by Tommy Newton and seconded by Clarence Cloud to send the bill back to Committee, with the vote 18 in favor, 9 against and one abstention. Voting against the measure was; Almerigi, J. Buck, E. Frye, H. Gilroy, T. Hale, M. Jackson, E. Wheeler, J. Wilson, C. Johnson. Charlie Litsey abstained.

Next on the Agenda was 1G, "Providing Authority to the Children and Family Services Department to Apply for Federal Funding for Continued Operation of the Family Violence Prevention and Service Program During FY 90", which was approved unanimously by the Council, with Larry Bible making a motion to accept and a second by Jerry Wilson. The bill, NCA-90-11, was introduced by Chief Cox and involved entering into a contract with the federal government (DHHS) for the purpose of securing funding for the delivery

(See LEG. OVERVIEW page 7)

*****LATE NEWS BULLETIN*****

The Creek Nation has learned that the CN Hospital and Clinics Board has received notification from the area Indian Health Services (Oklahoma City) that the Board has been funded on a quarterly basis. More details will appear in the next MNN issue.



Captain Clifford Lewis Recognized-



Captain Clifford Lewis

Captain Clifford Lewis, of the Oklahoma City Fire Department, was recently awarded a Distinguished Service Award from the Kiwanis Club of Capitol Hill, Oklahoma City, as "City of Oklahoma City Employee of the Month."

Captain Lewis, with the Fire Department in Oklahoma City for twenty-four years, was honored

during the January City Council Meeting in Oklahoma City.

He was promoted in 1978 as Captain and had previously received the 100 Club Special Recognition Award in 1987 and the Local 1524 Meritorious Service award that same year. He was commended by the Mayor for his "contributions to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Oklahoma City as well as to the safety of his fellow firefighters."

A member of the Fallen Firefighters Team, he is also a member of the Executive Board of the Muscogee Creek Indians Association, the Indian Recruit Coordinator and is a past officer of the International Association of Arson Investigators.

Mr. Lewis graduated from Eufaula in 1961 and Haskell Institute and has a Bachelor of Arts from Central State University in Business (1973). He graduated from the National Fire Academy in 1980 and has spent the last twelve years as City Fire/Arson Investigator.

Captain Lewis' parents are Frank Lewis, Eufaula and the late Elizabeth Narcomey Billie.

Enterprising Creek...



CREEK TRIBAL MEMBER VERN COURTWRIGHT and his creation, Blue Moon Tipis. His tipis are made of nylon and come in many colorful hues.

Creek Tribal Member Makes Teepees-

-Photo by Elliot Barnett

The sound design of the Tipi has provided shelter to Native Americans for generations, withstanding the tests of wind, rain, yet remaining a pleasing sight to the eye.

It's blank canvas has in the past, inspired many to decorate or paint their stories and deeds across its vastness. We continue that tradition at Blue Moon Tipis, by designing and manufacturing tipis in a variety of sizes, of heavyweight Nylon material available in a "rainbow" of brilliant colors. The striking color combinations made possible by

the use of nylon opens up a whole new area of form and design never before utilized.

Our Tipis are Native American-made and we like to consider them examples of contemporary Indian culture or even "works of art" since each one is different and some are designed to tell stories.

They are excellent for camping and we encourage their use, as they are made with pride and quality and are guaranteed to last.

For further information on the Blue Moon tipis, contact Vern Courtwright, Route 2, Box 695, Checotah, OK 74426 or call 918/473-5462.

LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW... (Continued from Page 6)

of services toward prevention of family violence.

During this point in the meeting, Shelly Crowe, Chairman of the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Health Board, was given time on the agenda to make a presentation before the Council and those assembled on the status of the Hospital and Clinics.

Resuming the meeting, agenda item IH, "Approving the Hospital Board Systems Necessary for Contracting with the IHS and Assuming the Responsibility of Handling Funds for the Operation of the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics" was approved with twenty-eight members voting "yes" and one abstention, Hepsey Mae Jackson. The bill, NCA 89-169, was voted in with a motion made by Ed Frye and seconded by Thomas Yahola for passage. It was introduced by Councilman Frye and came through the Committee as a whole.

The last agenda item II "A Bill Amending NCA-89-168" (which had to do with an emergency appropriation for Hospital Operations) was approved with a vote of 25 in favor, one against (Anthony Hale) and two abstentions (Mae Jackson and Charlie Litsey). The bill was introduced by Ed Frye and came through the Committee as a whole. The bill number is NCA-90-

10 and involves appropriating \$272,200 to ensure the operation of the Clinics and Hospital for another 30 days. The amendment voted on changed the amount to \$544, 400.00.

The Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15 p.m.



THOMAS YAHOLA, newly-elected National Council Representative for Hughes District, takes the Oath of Office.

Creek is "Student of the Month"

Tenetke Deere attends Eastside Elementary School in Okmulgee



Tenetke Deere

and is in the third grade. He has been selected "Student of the Month" for January and made honor roll the past nine weeks. Tenetke is a fine young boy at school and home and we are very proud of him. His hobbies include drawing, reading, playing and watching football and basketball. He hopes someday to attend and play football for the University of Nebraska.

Tenetke is of the Wind Clan, Kalagee Tribal Town and attends the Salt Creek United Methodist Church. He is the son of Bonnie and Lisa Deere, Okmulgee. His maternal grandparents are Joann Deere, Virginia; and Kenneth Deere, Maryland; maternal great grandmothers are Fannie Mae (Berryhill) Chalakee, Coweta and Melissa Long Deere, Wetumka.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Indian Students Listed on Graham Honor Rolls

Submitted by Alene Starr

Graham Public Schools has released the names of those students earning recognition on the School's Academic rolls for the second nine weeks of the 1989-90 school year.

Students earning A's are named to the Superintendent's Honor Roll, while those students with a B average, with no grade lower than a B, are on the Principal's Honor Roll.

The Indian students made the Honor Roll as follows: Superintendent's Honor Roll- Third Grade- Jennifer Tedlock; Fourth Grade- Paula Kelsey; Seventh Grade- Misty Chancey; Eighth Grade- Wendy Whitlow; Ninth Grade- Ella Hicks and Laurie Hicks.

Principal's Honor Roll- First Grade- Cheryl Smith; Fifth Grade- Megan Tedlock; Sixth Grade- Steven Williams; Tenth Grade- Lesley Starr; Eleventh Grade- Aletha Soweka; and Twelfth Grade- Kristie Whitlow and Audie Artusse.

Four Volume Sets of CN Videos Available-

Creek Nation Video Programs are now available for purchase in a four volume set for \$50 or \$12.50 each. There will no longer be a two to four week delay in filling orders for video tapes as was necessary in the past. Tapes can be purchased in the Communications Department or by mail. Call 918/756-8700 ext. 310 for more information.

OIC Senior Citizens News Notes-

The Okmulgee Indian Community Senior Citizens celebrated the birthdays of Virginia Bruner and Lucille Factor on December 4 with a birthday party at the Okmulgee Indian Community Center.

The table was decorated with a large "Happy Birthday" banner, a beautiful live green plant, several colorful balloons, a birthday cake with green and pink roses and pink punch.

Refreshments were served to the following: Willie and Mary Gooden, Richard and Bonnie Barber, R.T. and Cora Derrisaw, Diane Weisz, Betty Fox, Juanita Checotah, Billie Sterner, and Bill Dowdy.

Winds to Host Family Reunion in April

The Wind Family Reunion will be held Saturday, April 14 (Easter Weekend) at Nichols Park, Henryetta, Ok.

A special invitation to all relatives of Jesse A. Wind, Sr. has been sent and for more information contact: Ruby Bender, 405/944-5826 or Lena Marshall, 918/623-0332 or Jess Wind III, 405/257-2123 (Martha at work) or Jewell Berryhill, 918/623-2711 or Grover Wind, 918/366-3078.

Registration will begin at 9:30-11:00 a.m.; Introduction from 11:00-11:30 a.m.; Lunch (Pot Luck)- 12:00-1:30 p.m.; Games- 1:30-3:00 p.m.; and Egg Hunt for kids- 3-4:00 p.m.

A Photographer will be present for any family photos to be taken at a reasonable cost.

Wild Onion Dinners

SALT CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Wild Onion Dinner

March 10 11-6 p.m.

\$5- Adults \$2.50 child

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Located eight miles north and two miles east of Holdenville or six miles west and two miles south of Wetumka

Everyone Welcome

For more information contact Lizzy Bruner at 379-5825

Hillabee Baptist Church WMU Wild Onion Dinner Senior Citizen Bldg.

Eufaula

March 10

11:00- 3:00 p.m.

\$4- Adult/\$2.50- Child
Includes drink & dessert



200 Years of Census Taking

Birthday Congratulations-



Leanne Christian

Christian

Leanne-Marie Christian, daughter of Ms. Toni Marie Christian of Springfield celebrated her first birthday on January 3. The maternal grandparents are Ms. Annmarie J. Christian of Springfield and Mr. William J. Christian, Jr. of Holyoke. Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George McAlpine Bissonette, Sr. of Southhampton. Maternal great-great grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Martin McAlpine of Sapulpa, OK.



Meleah Rae Watson

Watson

Meleah Rae Watson celebrated her third birthday on January 11. Meleah is the daughter of Sandy and Cora Watson of Moore, Ok. Paternal grandparents are Sam Watson of Eufaula, Ok. and Amy Hill of Okemah, Ok. Paternal great-grandmother is Clara McIntosh. Maternal grandparents are Lewis and Helen Fish of Oklahoma City, Ok. Meleah and her grandfather Sam Watson share the same birthday.



Alisha
HHS
"90"

Creek Student to Study in France-

Alisha Gann has won a scholarship to study French at Caen University in Caen, France. She will leave for New York City in late June for one month of classes.

The trip was awarded to her by the International Studies Association. The ISA randomly chose fifty high schools and colleges throughout the United States to participate in their testing program. Haileyville High School happened to be one of the schools picked and Alisha qualified to take the test. Out of a possible 800 points she scored 780 to take top honors in the Nation.

The High School senior will receive six college credits for the four weeks of classes. Alisha will go to school four hours a day, six days a week. On her first three weekends she will tour various points of interest in Northern France and her last three days will be spent in Paris.

Alisha's French teacher for the past three years has been Mary Edith Butler.

Alisha is the daughter of Monica and Roy Spearman of Alderson, OK and Len and Carol Gann of Holdenville, OK. Her grandparents are Robison Smith of Dustin and Pearl Gann of Lamar. She has one brother, Steven Gann.

Alisha plans to attend Oklahoma City University in September with a double major in French and Business.

HELP WANTED RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY

Sharp, well dressed. Typing and phone skills necessary. Must be punctual. Smoke-free environment. Call 682-2488 KKWK 97FM Regional Radio in Muskogee. Equal opportunity employer.



Creek Nation Housing Authority is located at the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, OK. Since the CN Housing Authority opened in 1965, it has built 1,700 Mutual Help Homes within the Creek Nation boundaries for eligible tribal citizens.

Tasa'hcuce (Little Spring) March

Net'tv- ca'ko SUNDAY	Mv'ntē MONDAY	Tu'stē TUESDAY	Net'tv ca'kuce-en nvrkvp'v WEDNESDAY	Rv'stē THURSDAY	'Fli'tē FRIDAY	Nettv- ca'ko-cu'se SATURDAY
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Wild Onion Dinners Hillabee WMU Senior Citizens Bldg. Eufaula, Ok. 11:00am-3:00pm Salt Creek Methodist Church 11:00am-6:00pm
11	12	13	14	15	16 Deadline for MNN	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 National Council Meeting



Census Bureau Reports:

Creek Nation Takes the Lead in Education-

According to an article in the Tulsa Tribune by Rob Martindale, February 6, the U.S. Census Bureau report on the official 1980 census showed that the Creek Tribe had the largest proportion of high school graduates among its members age 25 and up or 65% of all the U.S. tribes. This compared with a national average of 66 percent.

Chief Cox commented on the report findings- "I was surprised at the report because we have always pushed education for the last twenty years, and I think it is being shown now that we do have a lot of people who are taking advantage of the education programs that the Creek Nation has. Even with the Bureau of Indian Affairs money we received, we use it to make education a number one priority- to be sure that our people get a good education so that they go on to college. The tribe also puts a lot of their own money into support of the BIA funds we receive," said Chief, who added, "we even started out with a Headstart Program so that our youth can start out with a good education and go on to college and support their families and then come back and work for the Tribe."

"We need the best we can find and we have to have the best people we can find in order to compete with everybody around us. I think that this is one of the things that has shown that here in the Creek Nation that we have always tried to provide the best service we can for our people."

'State of the Creek Nation' Address and Swearing-In... (Continued from Page 3)

The Principal Chief convened the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on January 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mound Building at the Tribal Capital Complex for the purpose of the Chief giving the 'State of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation' Address and to administer the Oath of Office to the members of the National Council.

The Oath of Office was administered to the newly-seated twenty-nine member Council for the 1990-91 term. In addition, an election was held for the Speaker, Second Speaker and Sergeant at Arms. Those positions were filled by:

Kenneth Childers was elected to his third term as National Council Speaker, defeating George Almerigi, National Council Representative for Okmulgee District, in a vote 16-12.

Earl Wheeler, newly-elected National Council Representative for the Creek District, defeated former Second Speaker Frank Kamp for that post in a vote 16-12. Councilman (Tulsa District) Larry Bible defeated Councilman Harvey Gilroy (Okmulgee District) for the post of Sergeant at arms.

The Chief called for unity, development of more economic enterprises, jobs and better health care for the Creek people- "they deserve the best," he said.

"We have one of the best track records in financial accountability in making use of our funds that we might be able to continued to push education."

The Census Bureau profile of U.S. tribes also indicated that the Creeks, the Cherokee and Choctaws of Oklahoma fared better in other areas than the other U.S. tribes- higher incomes and lower poverty rates.



TULSA MEDIA INTERVIEW CHIEF COX after the Swearing In Ceremonies on the status and future of the Creek Nation. Shown with the Chief are an unidentified reporter, middle, from the Tulsa World newspaper and Melinda Morris, reporter for the Tulsa Tribune.

Twenty-eight percent of Indians age 15 and over nationwide lived below poverty level, but the proportion among the Creeks, Choctaws, Cherokees and Iroquois was only about 20 percent. This compares with twelve percent of the overall U.S. population.

Among the top ten largest tribes (the Creek Nation is the third largest tribe in the United

States and second largest in Oklahoma), the census bureau report showed that at least seven in ten households were married couple families in the Creek,

Choctaw, Cherokee, Lumbee and Sioux tribes. The report said that married couple families made up 72% of all Indian families in 1980, compared with 83% for the country's population.

EUCHEE MISSION ALUMNI REUNION PLANNED-

A Euchee Mission Alumni Reunion has been planned for sometime in the future.

If you are interested, please contact J.B. Haikey and Bill Moody. The Euchee Mission Alumni is seeking other Alumni members who may be interested in organizing a reunion for June.

Contact Bill Moody, Route 3, Box 387, Bristow, OK 74010 for further information.

Also, the alumni reunion organizers are interested in obtaining any old photographs that you may have of the mission.



EUCHEE MISSION BASKETBALL PLAYERS, l. to r. first row: L.W. Mikesell, Coach; Luther Deere, J.B. Haikey, Warrior Marshall, Joe Grayson. Back row: Prendis Tiger, Rowman Grayson, Ed Moore, Kenneth Moore, the late Dave Scott and Joe Yahola.



THE EUCHEE BOARDING SCHOOL NEAR SAPULPA AS VIEWED from an aerial photograph. The Boarding school holds many memories for those who attended it many years ago.



The American Flag: Dear to the Hearts of Those Who Fought for It-

LETTER TO PRESIDENT BUSH FROM ALBERT HARJO

The following letters were addressed to President Bush on behalf of the late Mr. Albert Harjo by his daughter, Delores Mambi, in regard to Mr. Harjo's passionate patriotism about the American flag. The President's response is included as well.

Dear Mr. President:

My father, Albert Harjo, was a full-blood Creek Indian from the State of Oklahoma. He was a very wise, intelligent, kind and sympathetic gentleman who spoke the Creek language fluently and his English might have needed improving but that didn't matter to him. He was able to communicate with just about anybody who would listen to him. (The Lord called him home September 24, 1989).

I came in from work one day and he told me in Creek, "I want you to write a letter for me." I said, "OK, who are we writing to?" He said, "To the President of the United States." In my busyness of taking care of my invalid mother and other household matters, I never got around to taking his dictation. But in the course of my activity he was telling me what all he wanted to tell you. The enclosed letter is, in essence, what he more or less wanted you to know. I'm not too good at translating but I tried to put down what he was feeling and talking about at the time before his demise. He was very incensed

about what the people were doing to the American flag. He said, "I know to some people that it is just a piece of cloth, but to me and those who fought along side of me, it means more than that, it represents my freedom and your freedom." He was a very patriotic man, both to his country and his God and we miss him so terribly much. He left a void in our lives which can never be replaced, but he left a legacy and a heritage with us to treasure within our hearts, minds and lives. In addition, to my mother and me, he is survived by two sons.

**Sincerely,
Delores Mambi
Wetumka, OK**

President Bush:

Sometime ago when the controversial issue of the burning of the United States flag was making the headlines, I then asked my daughter to write a letter to you for me. I never really got around to dictating this letter but she more or less had an idea of what I wanted to say.

It was a privilege to have served our country in the Marine Corp during World War II. I was there on the Island of Iwo Jima, at the foot of the hill when the American flag was raised on Mt. Surabachi. As I looked upon that flag with a feeling inside of me that was about to burst from pride and love for my country, I realized what that flag symbolized to me. It was a symbol of what I was fighting for, the United States of America, to protect her, my home and my family that I had left behind, the freedom that was so precious to each and everyone of us, and the privileges that were ours to enjoy without intervention from an invading enemy.

That was what I was over there for, to protect our country from being invaded by the enemy. Lives were sacrificed, bodies were maimed for life, friends and loved ones lost fighting for this protection. These liberties don't mean as much to those who did not participate but to those of us who were involved it meant everything. We used to sit around and talk about what we would do if we survived and how good it would be to get back home to our families and loved ones.

During this World War II and subsequent skirmishes, lives were lost, children were made fatherless, wives lost their husbands, loved ones were killed, but miraculously I was one of the fortunate few who made it. When the flag burning issue came up I was very much incensed that our

country would allow such a thing to happen and that nothing was being done about it and it saddened and disappointed me. But as time went on you made some decisions to right the wrong that had been done and I admire and commend you for taking a stand on this controversial issue.

It reminds me of another event in my life. As I mentally looked up at Jesus hanging on the cross as I stood at the foot of the hill of Mt. Calvary. He personified my freedom from the bondage of sin. I wanted that freedom and accepted the Jesus Christ as my Saviour many years ago and I am still serving Him as I approach my 81st birthday, January 2, 1990. He was the Supreme sacrifice in order that I might live. He paid for my freedom and that's how lives were sacrificed for our country that we could be free from the tyranny of a more powerful government.

**Thank You,
Albert Harjo
Wetumka, OK**

Dear Mrs. Mambi:

Thank you for sharing with me your father's deep love for America and for its greatest symbol --the flag. He knew that it represents and reflects the fabric of our nation -- our very fiber as a people.

I was deeply saddened to learn of your father's passing. He obviously was a good man and a true patriot. You and your family have my heartfelt sympathy.

I know you are proud of your father's service in World War II. The Battle of Iwo Jima was one of the greatest chapters in the history of American military conflict. Our nation will be forever grateful to those brave men who fought and

sacrificed for the ideals represented by our flag. You can be sure that, for the sake of the fallen, for those who served to defend it, and for every American, I will continue to support measures to protect Old Glory.

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes to you and your family.

God Bless you.

**Sincerely,
George Bush**



Congratulations!



Thunder Logan Whitecloud

---Whitecloud---

Birthday greetings go to Thunder Logan Whitecloud (Tenetke) who celebrated his first birthday, January 27 with friends and relatives. Thunder was born January 21 last year in Falls Church Virginia. He is the son of Robyn Whitecloud of Okmulgee.

His grandparents are: Sharon Lee Powell, Okmulgee and Gary Douglas Whitecloud, Tulsa. Great grandparents are: David Logan Powell, and Vena Mae Sampson Randall, both of Okmulgee; Douglas T. Whitecloud, Red Rock and Rena Bell Buck, Tulsa. Great-grandparents are: the late Sarah Simmers, Okmulgee; Wiley Sampson, Beggs, Mable Sampson Hill of Okmulgee; the late Mose Gray and Manoah Gray of Bixby.



Carolyn Beeson

Creek Student At TJC Thanks the Creek Nation for Higher Education Opportunity-

Carolyn Beeson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Thomas of Mounds, has achieved President's Honor Roll status for her perfect 4.0 GPA at Tulsa Junior College.

Carolyn, single mother of two small children, credits the Creek Nation for enabling her to return to college after a ten-year absence. She said that the support from the Higher Education fund made all the difference in the world- "I don't know how I could

manage without the support. I'm thankful and proud to be an American Indian and am glad for the chance to prove myself to the world."

Carolyn achieved Dean's Honor roll status her two previous semesters at TJC and has one more semester to complete her initial years. She plans to continue her education for a Bachelor's in English at Tulsa University.



PROFILE: Richard Whitman-

From the Sapulpa Herald, Janice Evans, Staff Writer and Yuchi Tribal Member



RICHARD RAY WHITMAN, EUCHEE, is shown against the skyline of Oklahoma City, at the first Red Earth celebration held there.

-Photo by Gary Robinson

KELLYVILLE- Richard Whitman is helping Kellyville students see their past, present and future through art.

Whitman is spending six weeks in the Kellyville school system through the Oklahoma State Arts Council Artists-in Residence Program.

He said the state arts council gave him a choice of schools and he chose smaller districts, like Kellyville, because he knew that is where he would find the majority of the Indian students.

A graduate of the Institute of American Indian Artists in Santa Fe, Whitman lives in Norman and has been drawing since grade school. He also attended the California School of Art.

Whitman is having art students work on photo collages. This project helps them to learn their past history by copying old family photographs. The students must ask their parents to identify the people in the photos- thus the project gives them a sense of their heritage.

"Art is much more than a photograph or drawing on the wall. Art is connecting all parts of life with our daily life. Art is a way of seeing and expressing one's self," said Whitman, who has been featured in various art shows. He has also been featured in the recently released movie,

"War Party."

Whitman Also Recipient of Human Rights Award-

The Muscogee Nation News recently learned that Whitman was the recipient of the 1989 Human Rights Award.

Whitman was one of six individual recipients of the Human Rights Awards given December 14 at the Awards Banquet of the Oklahoma Human Rights Commission. Co-sponsors of the Sixth Annual Awards Ceremony were the National Conference of Christians and Jews- Oklahoma City Region and the Oklahoma City Human Rights Commission.

Whitman was honored for his black and white photographic essays entitled "Street Chiefs" and subsequent work with and support of, the homeless in the Oklahoma City area. Other award individual award recipients were; Dr. George Henderson, the Honorable Maxine Horner, Howard Smith, Janet Watson, and Phillip Galavis.

These awards given to the recipients reflect their work in demonstrating a commitment to fundamental freedoms and human rights for all citizens, and human rights for all and eliminating discrimination and improving intergroup relations.

PROFILES: CN JTPA/AVT Graduates-

-Submitted by the CN Employment and Training Program

The Creek Nation Employment and Training (JTPA/AVT) would like to introduce you to some of our graduates. The ETA assists persons in receiving training in various technical fields of study.

MELVIN KENRICK, Bixby- Graduated from OST, Okmulgee, 1989, with an associate degree in Automotive Body Tech. Automotive body technicians are responsible for the repair and restoration of vehicles involved in collisions, or when normal use requires the repair or replacement of exterior and interior components comprising the vehicle body.

Mr. Kendrick is now employed at Automobile, Inc. in Bixby.

PEGGY HOLUBY, Eufaula- Graduated from Indian Capital VoTech, Muskogee, Practical Nursing Program as an LPN. Students in the LPN course are trained in the following areas- Personal/Vocational Relationships, Body Structure, and Function and Nursing Skills I,II,III, Maternal/Child Nursing, Medical/Surgical II and Personal/Vocational Relationships II. Students must complete a total of 1515 hours and maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Ms. Holuby is employed at the Community Lakeview Hospital, Eufaula.

MICHELE LONSDALE, Checotah- Graduated from Virgil's School of Cosmetology, Muskogee. Cosmetology students for the basic course must complete 1500 clock hours in manicuring, facials, scalp treatments, shampooing/

conditioning and other hair care courses. Ms. Lonsdale is with the Hair Depot, Henryetta.

SUZANNE STONE, Okmulgee- Graduated from Bryan Institute, Tulsa, May 1989, with a certificate as a dental assistant. Students are trained for positions as para-professional assistants to dentists and are able to help dentists examine and treat patients, and are trained for administrative and secretarial duties. They must complete 440 hours of classroom instruction plus 160 hours of internship in an office setting.

Ms. Stone is employed by Dr. Richard Robinson, DDS, Seattle.

Persons who reside within the Creek Nation Service Boundaries and are interested in furthering their vocational training or job placement assistance, should contact the ETA office for information concerning guidelines for the Program, 918/756-8700.

Buder Scholarship for American Indian Law Students

The School of Law of Washington University in St. Louis announces the availability of the **Gustavus A. Buder, Jr. Scholarship** for American Indian law students.

Application for the Buder Scholarship may be made by letter addressed to: Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Washington University School of Law, Campus Box 1120, St. Louis, Missouri 63130.

Applications for the fall of 1990 must be received no later than March 1, 1990.

Grant Among Drug Rehab Center Awardees-



ACTOR SAGINAW GRANT, left, is shown with actress Kirstie Alley, the Rev. Kurt Wieland of the Church of Scientology International and jazz musician Chick Corea, at an Awards Banquet held at the Bel Age Hotel in Hollywood. They were among the recipients of the "Hall of Fame Awards" from Narconan International for outstanding contributions in fighting drug abuse. The Banquet raised an estimated \$300,000 for the Narconan New Life Center in Oklahoma. Saginaw is a member of the Sac and Fox Tribe in Oklahoma.



Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board Meeting - Dec. 18, 1989

The regular board meeting for December was delayed due to the Creek Nation Council Meeting. With a quorum present, the Nov. minutes were approved.

Ms. Shelly Crowe asked if there are Quality Assurance or Risk Management meetings before they are brought to the board. The response was affirmative. Mr. Abe McIntosh stated that most policies are the same, but they request any changes be brought to the board's attention. It was stated that Quality Assurance, Risk Management, and Safety are all combined. The administration handles the paperwork for the insurance coverage. Ms. Crowe stated effective January, 1990, the insurance will need to be reviewed, perhaps put under an umbrella policy.

Discussion of third party reimbursement was presented by Elvania Swayze, controller. Reimbursement varies. The board requested price comparisons from area facilities for charges to be brought to the next meeting.

The purchase of a new ambulance was discussed. Ms. Swayze said the EMS is responsible for their own charges. Presently they have a flat rate of \$100 plus supplies and a \$2.00

charge for each mile. Mr. McIntosh suggested the need to consider increasing the charges. Ms. Crowe recommended they apply for another ambulance, to get in line for a GSA ambulance which takes approximately two and a half years. The board agreed to lease an ambulance, since right now they are not financially able to purchase a new one. Ms. Crowe said the need to write a letter requesting to lease or consider IHS funding for an ambulance.

Ms. Sally Foster, hospital administrator, states she will notify JCAH requesting a postponement in a letter stating the board did not request the survey and was not aware of the request. The current accreditation expires in January 1990. Ms. Foster will have information for the board for the JCAH postponement, extension, or accreditation.

The Hospital Board met on the FY'90 negotiations on Nov. 11, 1989. The following report was given:

Hospital Contracts - FY'90 \$2,102,019 for 9 months, 1/1/90-9/30/90. FY'89 \$1,571,514 for 8 months, 2/1/89-9/30/89.

Clinics Contracts - FY'90 \$1,164,338 for 9 months, 1/1/90-9/30/90. FY'89 \$1,004,005 for 8 months, 2/1/89-9/30/89.

The funding will not be available

unless the 3.7 million is accounting for by the executive branch of Creek Nation. Ms. Crow reports that Mr. Breshears had mailed copies of the previous bylaws to her. These bylaws do not go with the present health board. The board has reviewed the bylaws, policies have been drawn up, and amendments have been made. Approval of the bylaws was motioned, seconded and passed by the health board. All clinics will be identical.

Ms. Foster presented copies of the Policy and Procedures Manual for the hospital. IHS has reviewed this manual. The motion to approve the manual was voted on and passed. Ms. Crow stated if the Chief signs the Bill this will be the policy and procedures manual.

Ms. Swayze, controller, discussed briefly the financial status of the hospital. The good news is they have

money to meet payroll. A modification from the Okemah Clinic to the hospital had been made. Ms. Crow stated she received a report from Dr. Harry, area Director in Oklahoma City, stating that IHS has sent money to Creek Nation and asked if the money had been received from the Executive Board to the hospital yet? Ms. Swayze answered no, that she had not received the December 10th draw down. Ms.

Crow then asked Ms. Foster "how much longer can we operate with out funding? The National Council has approved \$270,000. that will get us through January 1990. Ms. Swayze said all bills have been paid with the exception of December 1989. The actual revenue was \$3,000. better this year than last year. Patient load is a big factor.

Ms. Swayze reported the following 3rd party collections for this quarter. October 1989 - \$79,741. November 1989 - \$83,809. to December 1989 - \$112,846.

There was discussion of proposed Emergency Room Delivery Policy. Ms. Kaler, R.N. director of Nursing said she had checked and there are no policies concerning this. She distributed copies to the board. She said that the medical staff has approved. The Health Board also voted and approved this policy.

Geneva Harris, R.N. Clinic Director informed the board of problems with outside physicians writing prescriptions and patients bringing them to the clinic to be filled. The Eufaula and Sapulpa Clinics do not fill outside prescriptions. The Health Board stated a memo to be posted on all bulletin boards in the hospital and clinics that all clinics follow the same policies.

Bill Fife, Councilman suggested the new policies need to be written. We are trying to standardize all policies said Mr. McIntosh.

Dr. Smith, Chief of Staff, said there are certain procedures that a patient needs to follow if they have a complaint. They should notify the clinic supervisor or director, then the administrator. All complaints should be in writing. He also stated that patients are seen by the severity of illness, not by the order they sign in. Drop ins not seen at the clinic are seen at the hospital emergency room. Ms. Crow ask what are the policies for clinics in seeing patients? It was explained if the patient comes in with pain, the nurse assess patients before the doctor sees them.

It was recommended that each department head be responsible for their employees to be brought up to date on the policies and procedures.

Appeals to IHS take months sometimes so Mr. McIntosh stated we need to let patients know the status of their appeals.

Adjourned to Executive Session. 9:40 p.m.

Your Role in the 1990 Census

Do you know you have a key role in an upcoming national event?

That event is the 1990 Census. Your part is to fill out the census questionnaire when you get it in late March and return it. It's easy to complete.

The package you get will include either a short or long form and an easy-to-use instruction guide. Complete the form and return it by April 1, 1990 - Census Day.

A MEDIA EVENT: Oklahoma Tribal Leaders Summit...



MEMBERS OF THE INDIAN PRESS AND MEDIA are shown with Dr. Charles Gourd, Cherokee, the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. Shown left to right are: Dr. Gourd; George Tiger, Creek Nation Liaison to the Principal Chief's Office/Communications Coordinator and host of "Inside Native America"; Curtis Zunigha, director of the Delaware Tribe's trust administration and host of KXON-TV, Claremore's public affairs program, "Drumbeats"; and Gary Robinson, Video Producer for the Creek Nation Communications Department. A Press Conference was scheduled for 4:00 p.m. the closing day of the Summit to discuss recommendations, resolutions and objectives set forth in the conference. In other Summit presentations, Indian media, federal, tribal and state leaders were treated to a particularly eloquent speech given by Dr. Rennard Strickland, Director-Designate of the University of Oklahoma American Indian Law Center, during the Thursday evening dinner. Strickland pointed out: "Not since the 1840 Sequoyah Convention held near Tahlequah where tribal leaders of the newly-created Indian Territory met for five days to discuss the tribes future, has such an historic event occurred...that was 150 years ago and tragically, they left that summit without ever having reached an agreement on a plan- you cannot leave this summit today, without coming up with resolutions...or history will repeat itself."



INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS

NIEA Planning 22nd Annual Conference-

The National Indian Education Association is currently making plans for its 22nd Annual Conference. The date has been set for October 13-17 at the Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center in San Diego, California. The tentative theme for NIEA for the 1990's is "Putting Indian Education to Work--The Effective Connection." New events will be added to the conference which include a pre-conference John Roulliard Memorial Golf Tournament, shopping trips to Mexico, southern California tours, etc. The call to Conference will be out by March 15 and will detail all events for the 1990 conference. The

NEOSU Symposium-

The 18th Annual Indian Heritage activities of the Symposium on the American Indian will be held March 26-31 at the Northeastern State University campus in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. This year's Symposium theme is: "Rising Phoenix." For more information, contact Carol Young, Chairperson, College of Social Sciences, NEOSU, Tahlequah, OK 74464-7098.

Senate Indian Investigative Report Available-

The Special Investigative Committee of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs has completed its two-year investigative into alleged fraud and mismanagement among tribal governments. The 240-page report is now available by request at: Senate Document Room, Room B-04 Hart Building, US Senate, Washington, DC 20510. Request the report by *Senate Report*, 71-261 and enclose a self-addressed adhesive label.

Tlingit Appointed to Native American Games

Lindsay Buxton, Tlingit, has been appointed Native American Affairs Liaison/Coordinator for the 1990 Goodwill Games Seattle Organizing Committee. She will direct all Native American issues for the Goodwill Games, Native American participation in the Welcoming ceremonies, and a Native American cultural heritage trade exhibition. She will also develop and oversee a Goodwill Games Native American board.

The largest sports and arts festival planned in North America for the next decade, the Goodwill

Inhalant Abuse Conference Video Available-

The CN Communications Department has produced a 30-minute videotape of the highlights of the Third Annual National Native American Conference on Inhalant Abuse which was held in Tulsa last November. The conference was sponsored by the University of Oklahoma's American Indian Institute.

The tape features excerpts from experts in the field of inhalants and inhalant abuse treatment from the United States and Canada. Inhalant use is a growing problem among American Indian Communities nationwide.

It is not uncommon for 10 and 12 year olds to appear in hospital emergency centers requiring treatment for the sniffing of gasoline, paint, white-out, or other solvents.

To obtain this program, contact Gary Robinson in the Communications Department at 918/756-8700 ext. 310.

CREEK CALENDAR 1990

Beginning with the December issues of the Muscogee Nation News, the Communication dept. will be printing a full page calendar in the paper.

Anyone having information for the calendar please contact the department. The deadline for events will be the same as the MNN deadline (third Friday of each month).

The December issue will have the January calendar events. Submit community, church, and organizational news to the Communication Dept. ext. 327.

Wapato Named ANA Commissioner

S. Timothy Wapato was sworn in as Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans (ANA), Department of Health and Human Services, on September 5. Wapato

Games will unite 2500 athletes for competition in 21 sports. Athletes from more than 50 countries will compete at sites throughout Washington state. The Games will bring to Washington State the largest delegation of Soviet athletes, artists and spectators ever to visit the U.S. Global television broadcasts will enable up to one billion people to watch the Games.

CENSUS '90



**Listen to the Drum.
Answer the Census.
It Counts for Us.**

Indians: Be Counted- It Benefits the Community!

When you answer the questions on the 1990 census form, you have started the process of putting census information to work in your community.

Each circle you fill in with your pencil becomes a bit of information that when combined with all other census answers from your community, produces a valuable profile of people and housing.

Just how are these census numbers used for your block, neighborhood, city, county, state and tribe once they are published?

*Political Power - Your community's representation in the U.S. House of Representatives is determined by census numbers.

*Government Program Funds - Billions of dollars in federal and state government assistance are distributed to communities each year for a

variety of locally administered programs. By making sure that everyone is counted, a community will receive all the funds to which it is entitled.

*Planning for development - Local government planners and economic developers depend on accurate census statistics to plan for the future. Expensive development projects are linked to the study of census population.

If the census is not complete, the success of future community projects may be in jeopardy, because of inaccurate local population information.

American Indian tribes and communities must be accurately represented in the census count to help ensure appropriate funding for future health, education and social service programs.

is an enrolled member of the Colville Confederated Tribes, Nespelem, Washington.

Prior to his appointment as the ANA Commissioner, Wapato was the Executive Director of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, a management and technical assistance organization created in 1977 by the Nez Perce, Umatilla, Warm Springs and Yakima Tribes.

Prior to his tenure with the Fish Commission, Wapato spent 21 years with the Los Angeles Police Department, retiring as a Lieutenant of Police Detectives. He

has worked with numerous tribal, community and civic organizations.

These organizations include The Los Angeles Indian Center, the Los Angeles United American Indian Council, the Los Angeles City-County Native American Commission, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, the National Congress of American Indians, Northwest Renewable Resources Center, and the Wilderness Society.

NAPA CONFERENCE

March 22-24

Tacoma, Washington



Obituaries

MANDY LOWE

Mandy Lowe, a Hanna resident, died in Tulsa, January 29. Born September 15, 1923, she was 66 years old.

Survivors include her husband, Tom Lowe of the home; three sons, Amos Lowe and Thomas Lowe, both of Hanna, and Eddie Lowe of Okmulgee; one daughter, Wanda Williamson of Hanna; four brothers, Louis Proctor of Hanna; John Proctor of Oklahoma City; Sam Proctor of Tahlequah and James Proctor of Glenpool; one sister, Annie Billy of Hanna; 12 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Wake services were held at 7 p.m. at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 31, at the Shurden Chapel in Henryetta. All night services were held Thursday. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Friday, February 2 at the Trenton Baptist Church in Hanna, under the direction of Shurden Funeral Home. Burial was in the Proctor Cemetery.

MARY HARJO ALEXANDER

Mary Harjo Alexander was born on July 9, 1915 in Okemah, Oklahoma. She passed away on January 7, 1990 at 11:30 p.m. at her home. She was 74 years and 6 months old.

Her parents were Lewie Eufaula Harjo and Susie Solomon.

She attended Oakdale School in Okmulgee and Eufaula Indian Boarding School.

She married William Jacob Alexander on Sept. 1, 1934 in Okmulgee. They were blessed with four sons and one daughter.

She retired from Bryan Infants Wear as a seamstress in 1976 after 20 years of service.

Mary accepted the Lord and was baptized in 1937 at the Osage Baptist Church in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. She was a member of Oakurst Indian Fellowship Baptist Church for 30 years. She held several offices with the church, her last one being WMU president.

Her survivors are her husband William of the home, Robert of Miami, Oklahoma, E.J. of Oakhurst, Jimmy of Glenpool, Mary Sue of Tulsa and Charles of Tahlequah.

There are 14 grand children and 15 great grand children; one sister, Maryland Willie of Morris, one uncle, Rev. Henry Harjo of Okemah, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

The pall bearers were her grandsons Stan Peak, Jr., William James Peak, Michael Alexander, Eddie Alexander, Junior Alexander, and Henry Harjo, Jr.

SARAH SIMMERS



Sarah Simmers

Died, Sarah Simmers, 85, a longtime resident of Okmulgee. Born November 12, 1904 in Okmulgee. She was a lifetime member of Newtown Methodist Indian Church and served as a dedicated member on the United Methodist Women's Society and served as a host on several church committees. She was a faithful church member, a devoted homemaker, a loving mother and grandmother.

Survivors include three sons, Dave Powell and Abraham Simmers of Okmulgee; Curtis Simmers of Westminster, MD; three daughters, Esther Van Woudenberg, Glenpool; Rebecca Autaubo and Priscella Kahbeah of Okmulgee; and one sister, Polly, Homma of the home and a multitude of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

All night wake service was held January 25 at Newtown Methodist Indian Church. Speakers were Bud Sullivan, George Henry Autaubo, Jr., Togo Berryhill and several other speakers and entertainment.

Mrs. Simmers was taken to Newtown Church at 4:30 p.m. on January 25. Funeral services started at 2 p.m. January 26 with the Rev. Floyd Peters and Rev. Mike Harjo officiating.

Burial followed in the Miller Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Freeland Powell, Samuel Simmers, Tommy Grayson, Sr., George Henry Autaubo, Jr., Robert Kahbeah and Robert Smith, Jr., Edward Lee Simmers, Freddie Van Woudenberg and Henry Hicks, Jr.

She is preceded in death by two daughters, Bernice Hicks and Pauline Grayson, and two brothers, John and Sam Miller.

DIANA ELIZABETH FACTOR STENSGARD

Diana Elizabeth Stensgard died January 2 in Goldsboro, North Carolina, at the age of 43.

Diana was born to Elizabeth Biggs and Joseph Factor on May 3, 1946. Mrs. Stensgard graduated from Okemah High School in 1964 and went on to serve in the Air Force for five years leaving the service as a staff sergeant. She married James I. Stensgard in 1969 in Shreveport, LA.

Services were held at 2 p.m. January 8 at the Montesoma Indian Baptist Church with the Rev. Dan Phillips, Jr. and Boots Fixico officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery under the direction of Webb Funeral Home.

Diana was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Factor. Mrs. Stensgard is survived by her husband, Jim of Goldsboro; three daughters, Tina of Bellingham, Washington; Alicia and Mary of the home; her mother, Elizabeth

Davis of Okmulgee; her grandmother, Ada Scott of Okemah; one brother, Luther Factor of Tulsa, and a sister, Patricia Factor of Bristow.

Pallbearers were Luther Factor, Mike Sternbeck, Leonard and Steve Yahola, James and David Allen King, Archie Mason and David Skeeter.

Note of Thanks

Our family will always be thankful for the many friends who expressed so much kindness in thought, word and deed, during the illness and death of our mother and grandmother, Della Mae Beaver.

Your expressions of concern will always be held in grateful remembrance.

The Della Mae Beaver Family

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NOTE OF APPRECIATION...

Words cannot express our appreciation to our relatives, friends, and acquaintances for the prayers, cards, telephone calls, food, visits and the beautiful floral tributes in memory of our beloved Diana Elizabeth Factor Stensgard. Thank you Montesoma Baptist Church members for the dinner you prepared for everyone. Also thanks to Rev. Dan Phillips, Jr., and Boots Fixico for officiating at the service, to the Creek Nation, Webb Funeral Home and to the pallbearers. We appreciate everyone's love and prayers.

The family of Diana Elizabeth Stensgard

Letter from Evangelist Ernest Best...

We greet you in the first month of the first year of the new decade...the last decade of this century. Could this be, perhaps the last decade? Someone has named it, aptly, "the last generation." As we travel from church to church, our hearts are deeply burdened as we see what appears to be that 'great falling away,' 'lovers of pleasure more than God,' the results of 'the deceitfulness of sin' and the forsaking of God's house because of the 'cares of this life.' We have only to turn on the television news to be reminded of prophetic Scriptures, "For Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there shall be famines and pestilences (sickness) and earthquakes in divers places."

Our hearts are burdened for those who are heartbroken because of sin, those who have fallen away, for the many who are sick, and those suffering in the turmoil of wars around the globe. However, we better just buckle our seat belts and hold on, "Cause we ain't seen nothin' yet." Haggai 2:6,7 says, "for thus saith the Lord of Hosts, Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth...And I will shake all nations and the desire of all nations shall come..." God is shaking this old world in order for the final pieces of the puzzle to fall in place for the completion of the prophecies of God's Word. The scene is being set for the most dramatic happening this world has ever seen. To the Church, we say, "...Look up, lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh..."

We ask you to continue to pray for Chana Loma and her family. Her condition remains about the same. She has a dialysis machine in her home, which she uses ten hours each night. She has gone back to school. They are considering a kidney transplant, however, the prognosis for the transplant recipient isn't great either. The family is experiencing a tremendous financial burden, also. Please pray with them.

We are looking forward to a good year. The Lord willing we will be preaching in some Indian church encampments, some city-wide crusades in Canada and doing a lot of traveling.

Thank you so much for all the Christmas cards and gifts. We appreciate all of you and love you so much. Your prayers, help and expressions of love make this work such a joy. Please continue to pray for the Lord's leadership, a great ingathering of souls, edifying of churches, and encouragement of Christian leaders. Pray also for our health and strength. Thank you so very much.

**Your Missionaries to the North American Indians,
Brother Ernest and Bennie Best**



Obituaries

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NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We are sincerely grateful to the friends, church members and neighbors for the beautiful flowers and food during our recent loss. Your concern, prayers and financial support is very much appreciated. We wish to express a Special Thanks to all the preachers who came from miles away to be with the family in their time of grief. We would like to take this time to say "Thank You" very much Rev. Jesse Sullivan, Rev. Mike Harjo, Rev. Fred Williams, Rev. Togo Berryhill, Rev. Floyd Peters, Rev. Tom Northern and Associate Pastor Helen Stubblefield both from Higher

Dimension Evangelistic Association, Becky Thompson and Elaine White from First Love Outreach Ministry for all the lovely words spoken at the service. And "Thank You" for the heart warming music that was done by Rev. Negiel Bigpond, from Morning Star Ministry; Kathy and Vince Polen from Messenger Ministry; Lois Kolakowski from He's Alive Outreach Ministry; Cathlyne Northern from Higher Dimension Evangelistic Association and to the Newtown United Methodist Women's Society for the special song dedicated to Sarah.

The family will always carry in their heart the memory of the sweet words spoken in the eulogy presented by Tom Washington, Rebecca Autaubo and George Henry Autaubo, thank you for being our Master of Ceremony at the wake service. God Bless all of you and your families for sharing your God given talents in this time of need.

Our mother and grandmother will be sadly missed, but always remembered by those lives she touched. She will long be remembered as a loyal and dedicated church member (full of Jesus), a devoted mother and a helpful friend and neighbor. The memories of her are precious. She left a part of her in all of us to carry on (THE LOVE OF JESUS). Again thank you all for your kindness shown at this time of loss. Also, would all of you remember Sarah's sister, Polly Homma who still resides in the home located at 700 N. Oklahoma, Okmulgee, OK. 74447. She will be having a birthday on Feb. 18th

and she will be 90 years old. Please remember her in your prayers.

Sincere
Thanks

From the Family of
Sarah Simmers



Louise West

Louise West, 78 of Weleetka, died January 7, 1990 at the Creek Nation Hospital in Okemah.

Services were held January 11 at Hutchachuppa Indian Baptist Church. Rev. Christopher Harjo officiated the service. Music was provided by the Hutchachuppa Church.

Mrs. West was born April 24, 1911 in McIntosh County. She lived in the Weleetka area most of her life. She was a member of the Hutchachuppa Indian Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert West in 1977 and her parents Sam and Mariah Riley West.

Survivors include two sons, Barney and Bill West both of Weleetka, Ok; six daughters, Esther West, Lillian West and Sally West all of Weleetka; Wanda King of Ryal, Ok. Ann Parton of Oklahoma City, Ok. and Mary West of Henryetta; 24 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

Pall bearers were Eugene Harjo, Jeff Scott, Howard West, Charles West, Chester Fields and Harley Roberts Jr.

Alice Tihen Williams

Alice T. Williams, 74, of Weleetka died January 9, 1990 in Tulsa.

Funeral services were held January 12 at Thewale Indian Baptist Church. Rev. Don Walker and Rev. Eastman Whitlow officiated the service.

Pallbearers were, Vincent Williams, Marty Williams, Shawn Williams, Shane Berry, Wesley Berry and Bradley Luellen.

Mrs. Williams was born May 1, 1915 in Weleetka and lived in the area all her life. She was a homemaker and a member of the Thewale Indian Baptist Church and a member of the Dustin Eastern Star.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Sam and Mariah Kelley.

Survivors include her husband, Irwin Williams of the home; three sons, Billy Williams of Weleetka, Barton Williams, Henryetta, Bobby Williams of Okmulgee;

three daughters Jewell Berry of Hanna; Clemma Luellen of Weleetka and Carolyn Hammontree of Henryetta; four sisters, Sarah Smith and Annie Davis both of Weleetka; Millie Bowman and Lillie Diacus both of Ft. Thomas, AZ; 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Margaret L. Warren (Tootsie Tilley)

Services were held for Margaret L. Warren, 66 of Sapulpa on January 16 at the Glenwood Assembly of God in Sapulpa.

Rev. Paul Thompson and Otto Goins officiated the service. Burial was in the Southern Heights Cemetery under the direction of the Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Warren was born June 26, 1924 in Mason. She married Charles Warren July 31, 1952 in Stilwell.

Mrs. Warren was a Sapulpa resident for 37 years and a member of the Glenwood Assembly of God.

Survivors include her husband, Charles; daughters Clara Ann Hutchings of Bristow and Kathryn Rose Pierce of Tulsa; brothers Jim Tilley of Okemah and Joe Tilley of Mason; and a sister, Lydia Bluford of Oklahoma City.

Monroe Burgess Sr.

Monroe Vernon Burgess Sr., 61, died January 9, 1990 in Tulsa. He was born August 28, 1928 in Okmulgee. He was a member of the Little Cussetah Indian Methodist Church. On January 4, 1957 he was married to Esther Kuykendall.

Survivors include his wife, Esther Burgess of Okmulgee; two sons, Jan Burgess and Monroe Burgess Jr., both of Okmulgee; five daughters, Tina and Karen Burgess, Georgia Harjo and Mulsie Tecumseh, all of Okmulgee, and Melissa Burgess of Okemah; one brother Woodrow Burgess of Broken Arrow, OK.

Funeral Services were held January 12 at the Little Cussetah Indian Methodist Church.

DELLA MAE BEAVER

Della Mae Beaver of Okmulgee died Sunday January 7 in Tulsa. Born February 18, 1911 in Holdenville, she was 78 years old.

Mrs. Beaver moved to Okmulgee County as a child. She lived with Mr. and Mrs. P.K. Morton after whom Morton Avenue was named. She was a member of the Big Cussetah

United Methodist Church.

Services were held at 2 p.m. on January 11, at the Big Cussetah United Methodist Church. Interment was in the Big Cussetah Cemetery, with Rev. Jimmy Alexander officiating. Rev. Mike Harjo assisted. Wake services were held at 7 p.m. January 10 at the Buchanan Memorial Chapel.

Pallbearers were Edwin Moore, Jr., William Buddy Moore, David G. Moore, Chuck McHenry, Jess Freeman, Jr., John Freeman, Henry Tarpalechee, Simpson Hill, Rev. Willie Gooden, Kenneth Moore, Edwin S. Moore, Sr., Ben Beaver, George Tiger, Ron Froman, and Jerry Lowery.

Survivors include three sons, Mr. William and Blanche Beaver of Del City, OK; Mr. Robert and Marian Beaver of Jenks, OK; and Mr. Pete and Bridget Beaver of Muskogee, OK; six daughters, Mrs. Franklin (Letha) Rutherford of Kearny, AZ; Mrs. Gene (Miley) Hargis of Jenks, OK; Ms. Cora Berryhill of Midwest City, OK; Ms. Jean Froman of Eufaula, OK; Ms. Hanna L. Beaver of Okmulgee, OK; Mrs. Royce (Sally) Wittman of Jenks, OK; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Ed (Sally) Moore of Muskogee, OK; one brother-in-law, Mr. Ben and Louise Beaver of Morris, OK; one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Twilla Beaver of Henryetta, OK; 27 grandchildren, 11 greatgrandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, John Beaver in 1972, her son, John Beaver, Jr., in 1989 and her sister, Elizabeth Horton in 1989.

JUANITA MAE KING

Jaunita Mae King, 62, Henryetta, died January 18 in a Tulsa hospital.

Services were held Monday, January 22 at 2 p.m. in the Merritt Funeral Service Cottage Chapel with Rev. John Lowe officiating. A song service was held at 7 p.m. in the chapel. Burial was in the Barnett Family Cemetery.

Mrs. King was born November 26, 1927 at Bryant, OK to George and Rhoda West. She was a homemaker and member of the Arbeka Indian Baptist Church.

Survivors include her mother, Rhoda West of Bryant; four sons, Roger Dale Jones, Danny Ray King and Dale Edward King, all of Henryetta and David Charles King of Lawrence, KS; two daughters, Carolyn King of Henryetta and Sheralyn Garmon of Piedmont, AL and five grandchildren.





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Creek Nation Princess Completes Reign as Junior Miss-



THE CREEK NATION PRINCESS JANITA SCREECHOWL, of Sapulpa, successfully completed a one-year reign as Oklahoma's Young Miss of America. Shown above, Janita is being formally presented in a spectacular ceremony by the Pearl Harbor Honor Guard at the National Young Miss Pageant held in Hawaii last May.

Related Information Page 2.

BABES Program Helps Youngsters Become Aware of the Dangers of Alcohol and Drugs

The Creek Nation Human Services Alcohol Program announces a new component-BABES- Beginning Alcohol and Addiction Basic Education Studies.

The program is designed for preschool and elementary age children and will focus on enabling children to learn and practice living/loving skills and to make positive early decisions about alcohol and other drugs.

The program concept is based on the theory that it is at this young age that children learn health-related attitudes, beliefs and behaviors.

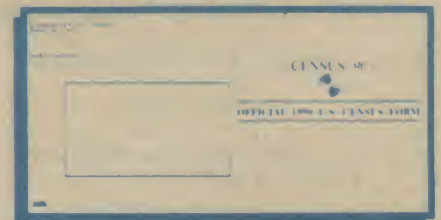
This program is taken into target schools where a 35-45 minute presentation to given in the classroom. The presentation utilizes puppetry, stories, flash cards and work sheets and cassette tapes- all in a factual, gentle, persuasive and non-judgemental manner.

Negiel Bigpond, Program Coordinator, states that the BABES Program has begun presentations in the Weleetka area, and they will be focusing first on schools that have JOM Programs.

The staff of the BABES program is Negiel Bigpond, CN Human Services Alcohol Program Coordinator; Debby Yeahquo, and Rosemary Ashley, CN Youth Services Coordinators; and Shirley Morris, Children's Coordinator.

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AND BE COUNTED FOR THE
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THE OKMULGEE INDIAN COMMUNITY HELD THEIR ANNUAL SWEETHEART CONTEST February 23 at the OIC Center with winners shown above: left to right, front row- Christopher Tiger, Preston Dinardo, Gina Fleener, Blake Thornton, Angela Thornton, Emily Jones, Darlene Jones, and Terra Branson. In the back row, are Kenny Leybas and Pamela Checotah. Chiquita McNac, CN employee, is retiring from coordinating the event this year, after giving eleven years of service to the Contest.



Morning Star Basketball Tournament March 16 & 17th

The Morning Star Ministries annual fund raising basketball tournament will be held March 16 and 17th at the Morris High School Gym.

First Place Team will receive team, individual trophies and bags.



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Second Place will receive Team and individual trophies. Third Place Team Trophy and a Sportsmanship Award will be given.

Proceeds from this fund raiser go to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Prison ministry, on reservations and through Christian music.

The public is invited to come out and enjoy the games and help support the Gospel.

---NOTICE---

Applications Accepted for Elderly Eyeglass Program

The Creek Nation continues to take applications for elderly persons eligible for eyeglasses. Individuals may come by the CHR office to make application for this program. The CHR office is located at the Creek Nation Complex in Okmulgee. Applicants are advised to bring household income verification statements with them to the CHR office when making application. For more information, contact Chiquita McNac, 918/756-8700.

Letters

Thanks for Giving the 'Gift of Life'...

Dear Chief Cox,

Wow! What an impressive bloodmobile visit. The entire staff of Red Cross Blood Services was amazed at the number of concerned employees, who donated blood during your January 5, 1990 visit. Since individual patients get just the specific part of blood they require and blood supplies are stretched, you can see the impact Creek Nation Tribal Complex has had on saving people's lives.

During the mobile visit, 31 presented themselves to donate blood. Of these, four were deferred for medical reasons. There were, also, five first-time donors included in your total of 27.

We really appreciated the time and effort Evelyn Parker devoted to the details of the mobile visit. The American Red Cross and many patients in our area hospitals appreciate your thoughtfulness.

On behalf of the patients in our hospitals, we thank you, Creek Nation Tribal Complex!

Sincerely,
Dannie Schultz
Donor Resources Develop.
American Red Cross- Tulsa

NATIVE AMERICAN AA MEETINGS Every Monday Night at 8:00 p.m. Oakdale School South of Okmulgee

A Fellowship of Those Who Have Been There and Who are Willing to Reach Out to Those That are Still Suffering. The Goal of the Meetings is to Establish a Support Group for Native Americans.

For further information call 756-8700 ext. 207 or 211 or 623-1424 ext. 276.

Haskell Indian Open Golf Invitational-

Haskell Indian Open Golf Invitational, a benefit sponsored by the National Haskell Indian Junior College Alumni Association and hosted by the Haskell Club of New Mexico, will be held May 19 at the Cochiti Lake Golf Course in New Mexico. For more information, contact Garry R. Martin, Chairman (505) 292-3631. Registration deadline is May 7.

Basketball Tourney at Rogers State-

Rogers State College will be hosting (sponsored by the American Indian Student Association) a non-collegiate Team players Basketball Tournament April 6-7th with a ten-man roster. \$75 is the entry fee. For more information, contact the American Indian Program, Room 102, P. Hall or 918/341-7510 ext. 325 or toll-free 1-800-333-7510. April 1 is the deadline.

Eufaula Dormitory Basketball Tourney

The Creek Nation Eufaula Dormitory Student Activities will host a Men's Independent Basketball Tournament March 9, 10, 11 at the Dormitory in Eufaula with the deadline for entry **March 5**. There is double elimination, entry fee \$75 with a twelve player limit, First and Second Individual Trophies and Third Place Team Trophy and six all-star trophies. The roster must be turned in before the first game. For more information contact Pat Dominick, 689-2612 or 689-9380.

To The Citizens of the Creek Nation

I urge you to answer the census on March 21. Please complete the census questionnaire as correctly as possible. It is very important for every member of the Creek Tribe to be counted in the 1990 census.

It is the utmost importance to be counted correctly in the comparative statistics for American Indian tribes as well as the overall population statistics for funding purposes. The census also affects the number of seats in our congressional districts.

Janita Screechowl
Creek Nation Princess

Janita Busy Representing CN

Janita Screechowl, crowned her successor to the Oklahoma Young Miss of America title on February 25 in Oklahoma City.

During her one year reign Janita participated in many state events and was an honored guest at many functions.

Janita is a veteran beauty contest winner, and is listed in the WHO'S WHO IN PAGEANTS.

Janita was chosen First Runner-Up in the Creek Nation Princess Pageant last June, and assumed the duties of Creek Nation Princess in September. Janita will again have the opportunity to compete in this years Princess Pageant.

As Creek Princess Janita is doing an outstanding job, as Goodwill Ambassador, proudly represented the Creek Nation at many events and functions across the state. A Senior at Sapulpa High School, Janita is active in concert band, marching band, flag corp, FFA, Indian Club and an Honor student. Janita is the daughter of Ed and Janice Screechowl of Sapulpa.

During March, Janita will be representing Creek Nation at the Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant in Oklahoma City; Five Tribes Art Show in Muskogee; Indian Art Festival in Tulsa; Inter-Tribal Pow-Wow in Tulsa; American Indian Symposium at Tahlequah; The Azalea Pageant and Parade in Muskogee.

Candidates Needed for CN Princess 90-91

The Princess Committee is now seeking candidates for the CN Princess. This year's pageant is scheduled for April 28th. Deadline for applications will be April 7th.

Applicants must be a Junior in High School to a Junior in College.

For further information on rules, other requirements and applications contact: Pat Morgan, CN Princess Committee, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK. 74447.



Economic Planning Workshop Held for Indian Communities-

-Photos by Gary Robinson

An Economic Planning Workshop for Indian Communities was held February 20, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Mound Building.

The workshop, "Target Analyses Techniques for Identifying Business Opportunities in a Rural Community," was sponsored by the Creek Nation Division of Community Services.

Vicki Carpenter, Director of the CN Division of Community Services gave the Welcome and introduced the evening speakers.

Jerry Wilson, National Council Representative for the Tulsa District made opening comments. Mr. Wilson is also head of the Small Business Occupations Department at Oklahoma State University, Technical Branch at Okmulgee.

The keynote presenter was Dr. Clifford Wheeler, Professor of Economics at Northeastern State University at Tahlequah. He was introduced by Dr. Connie Van Scoy, Regional Director of the Oklahoma Small Business Administration, Northeastern State University.

Fifty Creek Nation Community leaders were in attendance at the workshop, according to Bill Dowdy, Community Services Specialist. "The response from the communities was good- with fifty leaders from eleven Creek communities attending," he said, adding that the interest was so strong that a follow-up workshop is being planned in thirty days to analyze the economic data from the communities.

Ms. Van Scoy will take the information collected by the communities and computerize it. This data will help the communities decide what kind of business enterprises would be successful in their geographic areas or identify nearby areas with stronger economic potential, according to Mr. Dowdy.

Mason Indian Club Benefit Pow-Wow-

The Mason Schools Indian Club is sponsoring a benefit powwow that will be held at the Mason, Oklahoma, Public School campus April 14. Gourd Dancing will begin at 3 p.m. A free supper will be served at 5 p.m., and the Grand Entry will begin at 7 p.m.

The Head Staff will be announced at a later date.

For more information, contact Melissa Culley at (918)623-0231.

-----MNN DEADLINE-----

The deadline for the April edition of the Muscogee Nation News is **March 16th or the third Friday of each month.**



ORGANIZERS AND PRESENTERS FOR CREEK NATION'S ECONOMIC PLANNING WORKSHOP were (left to right) Bill Dowdy, Community Services Specialist; Vicki Carpenter, Director of the Division of Community Services; Dr. Constance Van Scoy, Oklahoma Small Business Development Center, NSU; Dr. Clifford Wheeler, Economics professor and economist, NSU; and Jerry Wilson, Head of the Small Business Occupations Dept., OSU Tech.



PICTURED ARE A FEW OF THE MORE THAN 50 INDIAN COMMUNITY LEADERS from Creek Nation communities who attended the economic planning workshop held at the Tribal Complex February 20. The workshop was designed to help Indian communities analyze local economies and identify the kinds of businesses that could be successful in their geographic area.

CN Human Service Alcohol Program- Serving the People-

The following are components of the Creek Nation Human Services Alcohol Program located at the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah. Negiel Bigpond is the coordinator. A brief program description follows:

The Community Relations component of the Creek Nation Alcohol and Drug Program of the Creek Nation is designed for the elderly. Areas focused on in assisting the elderly, include: Abuse in the Home- from having an alcoholic or substance abuser living with them or within the

immediate family; Neglect and Depression- Abuse can be mental, physical or emotional. For more information on this program, contact Negiel Bigpond or Delores Seber, Community Relations, at 623-1424, ext. 277.

The Children's Program (BABES) (see Front Page article on BABES).

In addition to the new programs, we will offer the following services: One on One counseling, referral services, adult-tribal 30-day treatment,

Adolescent-Tribal 60-90 day Treatment, and Mental Disorders (In & Out Patient).

For further information contact Creek Nation Human Services Alcohol Program P.O. Box 228, Okemah, Ok. 74859 or call (918) 623-1424, ext. 277. At the present time Alcoholic Anonymous is conducting meetings at the Viet Nam Veterans Building (old Oakdale School) south of Okmulgee, every Monday night - 8:00 p.m.



National Council Legislative Overview

by Gary Robinson

Special Session - Feb. 15

After the National Council's February Planning Session, Speaker Kenneth Childers convened a Special Session for action on one bill. Twenty-seven Council members were present for the roll call. Those absent were Bill Fife and Jerry Wilson.

The single agenda item was **NCA 90-08**, authorizing the Principal Chief to negotiate for the purchase of real property in the Muskogee District as a site for a future bingo hall. The bill includes an appropriation of \$25,000 to be used as earnest money if and when a site is located. The bill was introduced jointly by the Business and Governmental Services committee and the Tribal Affairs committee, with some modifications, with a recommendation of "do pass."

Johnson Buck made a motion to adopt the bill and it was seconded by Clyde Johnson. After discussion, 19 votes were cast in favor of the bill, with 6 votes against and one abstention. Those casting "no" votes were M. Cahwee, F. Kamp, S. McIntosh, T. Newton, T. Pickering and D. Rhodes. I. Cleghorn abstained from voting.

Regular Session - Feb. 24

The Speaker called this meeting to order and, after the Invocation, called the roll. Twenty-six members were present, with George Almerigi, Bill Fife and Harvey Gilroy being absent.

The first item on the agenda was consideration of minutes for six previous Council meetings from Dec. 9, 1989, to Jan. 27, 1990. Jerry Wilson made a motion to approve these minutes and Harley Little seconded the motion. Twenty three votes were cast in favor, while R. Berryhill and C. Litsey abstained, citing the fact that some of those meetings took place before they were on the Council. The minutes were approved.

Under New Business, the first item was **NCA 90-09**, a bill authorizing the Principal Chief to negotiate for the purchase of the Lincoln Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Oklahoma City for the purpose of tribal economic development. Attached

to the bill was a detailed report on the property.

The bill was introduced by Chief Cox through the Business and Governmental Services committee and the Tribal Affairs committee, which recommended a "do pass" on the bill.

A motion to adopt the bill was made by Tony Hale and seconded by Johnson Buck. During the discussion of the bill, an amendment was proposed by Ed Frye, to add a Section 103 to the bill which tied approval of the Lincoln Plaza negotiations to the completion of the negotiations for the purchase of the Glenpool Indian Community's property, which had been authorized last year. This motion carried.

Then the bill, as amended, was put to a vote, and was passed with 17 in favor, 6 against and 2 abstentions. The "no" votes were cast by I. Cleghorn, F. Kamp, H. Little, S. McIntosh, T. Newton and D. Rhodes. C. Cloud and T. Pickering abstained.

The second bill on the agenda was **NCA 90-14**, a bill appropriating bingo revenues to the Tulsa Indian Community for programs and services for that community. A detailed proposal and budget were attached to the bill explaining how the \$275,000 would be spent. This bill was submitted by the Business and Governmental Services committee with a "do pass" recommendation.

A motion to adopt this bill was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Donna Rhodes. There was no discussion of the bill, and it was passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was **NCA 90-06**, a bill renewing the tribe's contract with Thomas McIntosh to operate the Creek Nation Agribusiness. The bill was introduced by the Tribal Affairs committee with a "do pass" recommendation.

A motion to adopt the bill was made by Harley Little, and seconded by Tommy Newton. During discussion of the bill, Charlie Litsey made a motion to return it to committee to make certain changes, and this motion was seconded by Helen Chupco. This motion did not carry.

Then Earl Wheeler moved to make two amendments to the bill.

The first amendment specified that Thomas McIntosh's \$500

monthly salary would be paid from dairy revenues. The second amendment required that the agribusiness manager submit a monthly financial report to the Council. This motion carried.

A vote on the bill, as amended, was then taken. With a vote of 10 in favor, 14 against and one abstention, the bill did not pass. "Yes" votes were cast by T. Berryhill, C. Cloud, E. Frye, F. Kamp, H. Little, S. McIntosh, T. Newton, T. Pickering, D. Rhodes and T. Yahola. Jerry Wilson abstained.

After this vote, the Speaker assigned the Tribal Affairs committee chairman, the task of performing an inventory of the equipment and assets of the agribusiness.

Having completed the items of new business on the agenda, the two bills under "Items For Consideration" were placed on the agenda.

The first of these two bills was **NCA 90-17**, a bill repealing Creek Nation Ordinance NCA 90-10. That original bill provided \$272,000 from bingo revenues to temporarily fund the operation of Creek Nation's hospital and clinics, until IHS funding became available. Since IHS has released funding for health facility operations, these bingo revenues won't be spent.

This bill was introduced by Ed Frye, and was recommended as a "do pass" by the Business and Governmental Services committee.

Larry Bible made a motion to adopt this bill and Donna Rhodes seconded the motion.

Second Speaker Earl Wheeler conducted the rest of the meeting due to Speaker Childers taking leave of the meeting.

Tony Hale made a motion to amend this bill by re-appropriating this \$272,000 to fund the tribe's Communication Department for the current fiscal year. Discussion of this amendment revealed that layoffs were imminent in Creek Nation departments funded from the indirect administrative cost pool. The Communication Dept. was one of these.

After a lengthy discussion of the issue and a presentation made by Chief Cox, a short recess was taken. When the meeting reconvened, several Council members had left and Ed Frye

called for a roll call to determine if there was still a quorum present.

Sixteen Council members answered the roll call. They were R. Berryhill, L. Bible, E. Birdcreek, J. Buck, R. Buck, H. Chupco, H. Duncan, E. Wheeler, T. Hale, E. Frye, C. Johnson, C. Litsey, T. Yahola, T. Berryhill, M. Jackson and C. Cloud.

A quorum was declared present and the meeting continued. A vote was taken on the proposed amendment, and the motion carried.

Then the bill, as amended, was passed with a vote of 12 in favor and three against. The "no" votes were cast by L. Bible, C. Cloud and T. Yahola.

The final bill on the agenda was **NCA 90-05**, which appropriates \$90,895 from the bingo revenues to the Oklahoma City Creek Association for programs and services. This bill was introduced by the Business and Governmental Services committee with a recommendation of "do pass."

Clyde Johnson made a motion to adopt the bill and Johnson Buck seconded the motion. Without further discussion, the bill was passed. The vote was 14 in favor, none against and one abstention from Mae Jackson.

The next Council Planning Session was set for March 22 at 6 p.m., and then the meeting was adjourned.

Letter of Thanks to Chief's Secretary, Bernice Hale-

We would like to thank you and everyone at Creek Nation for making our tour very interesting and enjoyable. We wish to thank you for making the arrangements to use your facilities and taking out from your regular duties to show us around.

We would like to thank Richard Larney for helping us with the unloading of our lunches and also the ones who helped him.

Gary Robinson was very informative about the Creek culture and history. We appreciate him for the time he took to speak and show the video to us.

All and all we just had a very good time. The students came back to the school and had things to tell their class about their trip. The students did learn a little bit about Indian culture and are very proud of their knowledge.

Thank you everyone.

Sincerely,
(S)

Betsy S. Taryole
Henryetta Public Schools



Yuchi Family Ranch Receives State Award-

-Article and Photo by Gary Robinson

On February 9, the Lazy J Ranch, near Slick, received the Oklahoma Centennial Farm and Ranch Award in recognition of the ranch remaining in the same family for over 100 years.

CN National Council member Ed Frye, Creek District, said the 160-acre ranch was his grandmother Lucinda Johnson's allotment and that she had lived on the land almost all of her life.

The Centennial Farm and Ranch Award was established by the Oklahoma Historical Society and the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture to recognize the important role agriculture has played in the development of Oklahoma, and to honor the contributions made by the state's longstanding farm and ranch families. Thirty-seven awards have been presented statewide since the program began last year.

State Historical Society representative, Melvina Heish, made the official presentation which also included a sign designating the 1,000-acre working ranch as one of the select few family farms chosen as a Centennial Ranch.

As family and friends gathered on the screened in front porch awaiting the ceremony, Mrs. Johnson, who is also part Irish and French, shared her family history.

She was born Lucinda Allen, near Bristow on Scull Creek, in 1894, one of nine children. Her first husband was a Yuchi man named Porter Tiger. It was through him that the original ranch began with a 160-acre allotment, now expanded to the present 1,000 acres. Much of this land is through purchase of other family members land allotments.

After her first husband died, Mrs. Johnson married Gus



FOUR GENERATIONS OF THE LUCINDA ALLEN JOHNSON FAMILY OF SLICK were on hand when the state of Oklahoma presented the "Lazy J Ranch" with the Oklahoma Centennial Ranch Award, recognizing the Yuchi family's ownership of the ranch for over 100 years. Pictured left to right are: Majel Frye, daughter; 96-year-old Lucinda Johnson, great granddaughter Tempest Sittel (in back); great grandson Sean Stevenson, great granddaughter Kateri Nage; great-great grandson Tony Nage (in back); granddaughter Lu Stevenson, and grandson Ed Frye, who is a Creek Nation National Council member for the Creek District. Kneeling in front of the ranch sign are (left to right) great-great grandsons Bear Brandon Nage and Cole Sittel. Also present, but not pictured was Mrs. Johnson's 99-year old sister, Ella Allen Burgess of Oklahoma City.

Johnson and they raised primarily wheat and while Mr. Johnson was still alive, they raised cattle as well.

Mrs. Johnson's original homestead is approximately three miles from the ranch, in fact, her sister, Anne Coppinger, still lives in their parent's original house.

Mrs. Johnson had four children, of which daughter Majel Frye, is the only one still living. Mrs. Frye is

Councilman Ed Frye's mother.

Mrs. Johnson lives alone now, by choice, in the rather large ranch house which began as a one-room farmhouse in 1915. On this day, her great-great grandchildren run and play in and around the house as did children of the family in previous generations.

SMOKE SIGNALS...

Smoke Signals, a directory of 3500 Indian and Alaskan Native owned and operated businesses is now available from Arrowstar Publishing, 10134 University Park Station, Denver, CO 80210-0134 for \$59.95 plus \$1.95 for shipping and handling.

The 221-page publication lists the businesses by state and within each state alphabetically.

Tony Hale Appointed to Serve on the Okmulgee School Board as President

-Photo courtesy of Okmulgee Daily Times, Karen Suiter

-Profile by Muscogee Nation News Staff

Tony Hale, Okmulgee District National Council Representative, was recently elected to the important post of President of the Okmulgee School Board. He was elected in 1987 and has held a position on the School Board, unopposed, for the last two years.

Tony, who resides in Okmulgee with his wife and family, and who is the owner of Hale's Automotive, Okmulgee, feels his appointment to the School Board and most recently as the Board President, is important not only for the people in his district, but for his Indian people, as well.

Hale supports the work of the School Board- particularly the accomplishments of that Board over the past few years in their building program- "We have utilized existing facilities and have saved a lot of money- but we really need to turn our attention now to academics and curriculum," he said, adding, "It's good to work with a Board that works together for the good of the people."

Hale said the most important decision the Board will be making in the future is the appointment of a superintendent.



TONY HALE, COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR OKMULGEE DISTRICT was sworn in as President of the Okmulgee School Board, in the Board's February 13 meeting. Hale is serving a second term on the School Board. He is being sworn in by John Barksdale, attorney for the School Board. Other officers elected for the 1990-91 term were: Harold McElroy, vice-chairman and Judy Alexander, Board Clerk.



Ocmulgee National Monument located outside of Atlanta, Georgia is a site sacred to Creek people. It was here in Georgia that the Muscogee people had their roots. The Great Temple Mound and lesser mounds are located on the Ocmulgee National Monument grounds/the last citadel of the Mississippian Indian culture which flourished between AD 900 and AD 1200.

Tasa'hce-ra'kko (Big Spring) April

Net'tv- ca'ko SUNDAY	Mv'ntē MONDAY	Tu'stē TUESDAY	Net'tv ca'kuce-en nvrkvp'v WEDNESDAY	Rv'stē THURSDAY	'Fli'tē FRIDAY	Nettv- ca'ko-cu'se SATURDAY
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	Deadline for MNN	28
29	30					National Council Meeting



Creek Nation Hospital and Clinic Board Meeting - Jan. 29, 1990

The meeting was called to order, with a quorum present the meeting started. The December minutes were approved, with no additions or corrections to be made.

An application will be made with JCAHO in May and it takes about 30 days to process. If approved by JCAHO the Okemah Community Hospital will receive a five star rating. Technical assistance is offered free.

Quality Assurance, Risk Management and Safety Reports were given. The Clinics are still having their meetings and fire drills. Safety inspections are done regularly. Mr. McIntosh asked the Director of Nursing to prepare a detailed Needs Assessment List and present at the next Board meeting.

A meeting is being arranged to let the people in the Community know about certain changes being made in the Ambulance Service.

The Financial Report was read and submitted by Elvania Swayze. The BALANCE AT THE OF JANUARY reads as follows:

EUFULA HEALTH CENTER \$80,398.59
SAPULPA HEALTH CENTER \$52,985.33
OKMULGEE DENTAL CENTER \$16,387.32
OKEMAH HEALTH CLINIC \$35,848.96
HEALTH EDUCATION \$1,251.00
ALCOHOLISM PROGRAM \$16,431.33
E.M.S. \$18,099.00
TOTAL \$221,401.53

This report was accepted and approved, with no additions or corrections to be made.

GOOD NEWS...Dr. Harry, the Area Director in Oklahoma City has agreed to fund the Creek Nation Health Service on a monthly arrangement. Yes, the clinics will be open to serve you.

AETNA UPDATE; In August 1990 a 90% increase will go into effect. PLEASE NOTE that this increase came from Aetna. Preparations to inform all employees are being made.

The following National Council members attended the Board meeting: Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee Dist.; Eugene Birdcreek and Bill Fife, Okfuskee Dist.; Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa Dist.; Clarence Cloud, Earl Wheeler and

Mose Cahwee, Ed Frye Creek Dist., Thomas Yahola, Hughes Dist., Tommy Newton, McIntosh Dist.

The following Community Leaders attended the Board meeting: Irene Van Buskirk, Glenpool Creek Community; Sonny O'Hern, Duck Creek Community; Robert H. Smith, Glenpool Creek Fund Raising and Planning Committee.

Shelly Crow strongly expressed her concern about offering our Indian people ONLY THE BEST MEDICATIONS! With the newly

breakthroughs with regard to heart disease and diabetes, updated medications need to be available for Indian people. And she emphasized on the importance of our Indian people using their Welfare cards or medical cards when having prescriptions filled at the Creek Nation's Clinics. Using these cards saves money that can be spent in other areas, such as on updated medications. Joint efforts go a long ways toward saving lives.

Your letters are welcomed should you wish to write the

Health Board send your reply to: P.O. Box 158, Okmulgee, OK. 74447 Shelly Crow, Chairman; Abe McIntosh, Vice-Chairman; Chiquita Smith, Secretary.

Your ideas and suggestions are welcomed. The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 1990 at Eufaula Hospital at 6:30 p.m. the public is welcome to attend. Refreshments and coffee is served. Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 p.m.



CONGRATULATIONS! GLENPOOL INDIAN STUDENTS!

GLENPOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Jonathan Brese
Michael Keith Coon
Ryan Miller
Michael Synder
Kevin Whitlow
Rodney Carpenter
Melaine Hunter
Kevin Nanaeto
Daryl King
Philip Schumacher
Kerry Van Woudenberg
William Watashe
Jeremy Dowdy
Geoffrey Johnson
Brandon Johnson
Michael Killer
Keisha Miller
John Simpson
Michael Van Woundenberg
Dwight McGee
Randall Whitlow
Misty Bible
Chris Adams
Darlene Lewis
Jason Manning
Stephanie Looney
Jeremy Whitesell
Kenneth Schumacher
Brian McElroy
Toby Dix

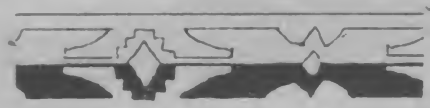
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Larry Bible
Jamie Needham
Branon Littlehead
Rachael Barnett
Crystal VanDyne
Katheryn Jackson
Jonathan Brese
Jesse Squire
Jennifer Wood
Kerry Van Woudenberg
Sophrona Watashe
William Watashe
Adam Burris
Jennifer Locust
Amber Smith
Natalie Hunter
Brent Miller
John Simpson
Chris Muniz
Audrie Kane
Nich Nichwander
Sean Newrider
Amy Marshall
Whitney Ryan
Dustin Sullivan
Kendra Fish
Michael Killer
Brandon VanDyne
Regina Wesley
Samantha Goff
Kenneth Warrior

Bridget Barnes
Tiffany Bruner
Jamie Wilde
Melissa Barrows
Shannon Spring
Yvonne Collins
Milton Denny
Alicia Barnett
Ryan Fisher
Janie Garrison
Melissa Simpson
Zane Wise

SUPERINDENT'S HONOR ROLL

Shasta Sullivan
Catherine Warrior
David Warrior
Sylvia Winlock
Mike McCall
Misty Marshall
Josh Griffith
Lindsay Ryan
Andrea Bible
Natalie Brown
Skyleen Clashin
Kim Beets



CN Employee Appreciation....



ON VALENTINE'S DAY, THE STAFF OF THE CN GIFT SHOP, LOCATED AT THE COMPLEX, honored the Creek Nation employees with a Cake and Punch Reception held in the Gift Shop from 1-4 p.m. The idea was conceived by the Okmulgee Senior Citizens Organization to express their appreciation to employees for their support of the "Senior Citizen Gift Shop." Pictured left to right are: Lucille Factor, Betty Fox, Juanita Checorah, Lizzie Roper, Melissa McCoy (standing behind Mary Ann Kane), Chief Cox, Virginia Bruner and Blanche Wallace.

Photo by Elliot Barnett



INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS

All-Indian Basketball Tournament

A six foot and under All-Indian Double Elimination Basketball Tournament will be held March 9, 10, 11 at the Salvation Army Boys Club, 1231 N. Harvard, Tulsa. The proceeds of the Tournament will benefit the 10 years and Under Baseball team.

The roster limit is ten players and the entry fee is \$80 with a 16 team limit. There will be first, second, third and fourth place team awards and first, second and third place individual awards. Entry deadline is March 5.

To enter, contact Richard James, 18119 N. Harvard, Tulsa, OK 74115 or call 834-5459 or the staff of the Salvation Army Boys Club, 834-2464.

NEOSU Symposium-

The 18th Annual Indian Heritage activities of the Symposium on the American Indian will be held March 26-31 at the Northeastern State University campus in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. This year's Symposium theme is: "Rising Phoenix." For more information, contact Carol Young, Chairperson, College of Social Sciences, NEOSU, Tahlequah, OK 74464-7098.

NAPA International Journalism Conference

The Native American Press Association announces its **Sixth Annual International Journalism Conference** "Leading the Way: Preparing Native Journalists for the Year 2000."

It will be held March 22-23 at the Best Western Executive Inn Hotel in Tacoma, Washington. The host tribe is the Puyallup Tribe.

For more information on the Conference, contact Nancy Butterfield, conference coordinator, 2002 East 28th St., Tacoma, Washington, 98404 or call 206/597-6200.

Conference Set in May on Substance Abuse-

"Our Circle of Wellness Preventing Substance Abuse" Conference, sponsored by the Health, Urban and Community Programs at the University of Oklahoma, will be held May 21-24 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The conference will focus on understanding the role of a healthy lifestyle in preventing substance abuse. Call 405/325-1791 for further information.

American Indian Week at Pueblo Cultural Center-

The Land of Enchantment will pay tribute to the American Indian during April 15-22. "Unity into the 90's" typifies the aspirations and consolidated efforts of New Mexico's tribes and pueblos to attain a greater degree of self-sufficiency by means of awareness and knowledge of their varied lifestyles and traditions. Planned events exploring the rich culture of the American Indian will be presented through music, food, dance, film and workshops.

Acclaimed opera singer, Bonnie Jo Hunt, Sioux, and world-travelled flutist Fernando Celican of Zuni Pueblo, will be featured as well as the talent competition for the coveted title of Miss Indian World will take place April 19th at 7 p.m.

The Gathering of Nations Pow-Wow will be held April 21, Saturday. All events during American Indian Week will be held at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, which is owned and operated by the nineteen Pueblos of New Mexico. For further information, contact 2401 12th St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102 or call (505) 843-7270.

National American Indian War Memorial

The Wichita, Kansas Intertribal Warrior Society has started work on a national war memorial to honor all American Indians who have lost their lives fighting in U.S. wars.

The Wichita city government has already given full approval for the monument to be located in Wichita.

As part of this memorial, we would like to include an engraved listing of the names of these American Indian men and women who sacrificed their lives for the People. We are asking your help in obtaining the names of all the members of your tribe (to include POW's and MIA's if possible) who need to be included. We need this list by January 1991 for a tentative scheduled unveiling of the memorial on Veteran's Day 1992.

Any artist from your tribe who would like to submit an idea for the design of the memorial can submit a sketch through June 30, 1990. For further information on the Memorial or how to submit sketches, contact Charlie Harjo (Creek), Warrior Society Chairman at 316/265-5554 after 8 p.m. or

Anthology of Native Women's Writings Set

For an anthology, "**Reinventing the Enemy's Language**," we are looking for submissions of original poetry and prose from Native women writers from North, Central and South America. (Each writer must be identified with a tribal group.) We will accept submissions in English, Spanish and tribal languages, up to twelve pages of prose (short stories, creative essays, testimonials or novel excerpts), or five pages of poetry. We are looking for work that encompasses Native women's experience as we enter the 21st century, 500 years since Columbus. Also enclose a short biography which states your tribal affiliation. USA submission please enclose SASE. (Remember not to send your only copy of a work.) Payment for published work will be in copies, with a small honorarium, to be determined. Deadline for submissions is **October, 1990**. Please send to Joy Harjo, PO Box 42853, Tucson, Arizona 85733 USA.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Joy Harjo is a Creek tribal member living and working in Arizona as an Associate Professor at the University of Arizona. She is a published poet with a new book of poetry coming out this month.



ENGRAVED SHELL, TENNESSEE

11th Annual Oklahoma Indian Exposition-

The Eleventh Annual Oklahoma Indian Education Exposition will be held April 17-18 at the Forum Building on the University of Oklahoma campus, 1704 Asp, Norman, Ok.

For further information contact American Indian Institute in Norman at 405/325-4127.

Memorial...

Skylla Baker (Comanche), Memorial Committee Secretary at 316/262-6633/269-1496 evenings. The address is: **Charlie Harjo, Warrior Society Chairman, Wichita, KS Intertribal Warrior Society, PO Box 47661, Wichita, KS 67201.**

Navajo Nation Plans CENSUS '90 Activities

A basketball tournament promoting the 1990 Census?

That's part the Navajo Nation's game plan to improve the count of residents on it's 25,000 square mile reservation in 1990. The reason for this promotion was due to the need of the Navajo Nation to have accurate census figures for planning purposes and to acquire it's fair share of federal funds. The basketball tournament and other activities which are being planned prior to Census Day, April 1, will bring about a greater awareness of the 1990 census and it's importance to the accurate counting of Indian people.

Foot NOTES

1990 Creek Calendars

A 1990 poster size Creek Calendar, 18"x24" large print on gray stock with maroon ink with the months and days of the week are written in the Muscogee Creek language are being offered for a contribution of \$3.30 at the Senior Citizens Gift shop at the Complex. If ordering by mail the cost is \$4.00 to include postage and handling.

The calendar is being offered by Morning Star Ministries. All contributions go to promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in Prison Outreach ministry, Reservation outreach and through Christian music.

To order the calendar, write to Morning Star Ministries, P. O. Box 97, Bixby, OK. 74008, or go by the Senior Citizens Gift Shop located at the Creek Complex in Okmulgee.

Creek Calendars for Sale

Muscogee (Creek) poster calendars are now for sale to benefit the American Indian Hymn Singing Group. The calendars show the months written in the Creek language and the meaning of the words. The calendars also have the state-wide Indian Baptist Church schedule for 1990. To order send \$4.00 to: George Bunny, 2041 Cashion Pl. Oklahoma City, OK. 73112.



Former CN Communications Staff Hired as Council House Curator

Tommy A. Steinsiek, former Creek Nation Communications employee, was recently appointed as Curator of the Creek Council House, located in downtown Okmulgee.



THE NEW CREEK COUNCIL HOUSE Curator, Tommy Steinsiek, looks over plans to restore the historic Council House. -Photo by Gary Robinson

"One of the things I am most excited about is stocking our Redstick Gallery with nothing but local Creek-made goods- we have so much talent represented in our local Creek people and many times, they don't know how to become established in the art circuit. For this reason, I would like to establish a relationship with out-of-state museums and galleries that could handle their work," said Steinsiek, who hopes

this will also establish the Redstick Gallery as a competitive gallery representing local Creek artists.

In conjunction with this plan, Mrs. Steinsiek said she hopes to highlight a Creek artist in the Council each month and actively promote their work through available media.

"The Council House restoration project has been successful in establishing Phase I," she said of the projected three-year phased project which is currently in the Fundraising stage. Also accomplished for Phase I, are the completion of architect's plans for the restoring of the Council House.

Steinsiek, who was previously with the Okmulgee CASA program and Nuyaka School System, has lived in Okmulgee most of her life and has worked

with Creek people. She is also a noted artist in this area and is of Creek-Cherokee descent.

Her hiring was effective February 1 and she will be involved in the Council House museum restoration project. She will work closely with the CIMA (Creek Indian Memorial Association) and the Creek Council House Board (City of Okmulgee).

Tommy, who replaces Sunshine King as Curator, encourages Creek people to utilize the extensive collection of Creek material and artifacts housed at the Museum.

Tommy resides in Okmulgee with her husband, Butch, and their two children, Tate, 11, and Tassie, 6.

For more information on the Creek Council House, call 918/756-2324.

Creek Original Allotee...



BONNIE DEERE (l.) OF OKMULGEE VISITED with 112 year-old Munnice Bluford (r.) in her home south of Bristow recently. Ms. Bluford was about 12 years old at the time of allotment, and still remembers those times vividly. Bonnie, son of the late Philip Deere, will be conducting a more in-depth interview with Ms. Bluford, in the Creek language, in March which will be videotaped for the tribe's archives.

-Photo by Gary Robinson

news briefs

Red Cloud Indian School Art Show-

Benefactors of American Indian artists have provided more than \$9,000 in awards for this year's Red Cloud Indian Art Show, which opens June 10 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Now in its 22nd year, the Red Cloud Show is open to all Native American artists - Indian, Eskimo, Aleut - eighteen years or older. It is the nation's largest show of its kind, with artists of more than 30 different tribes represented.

"All art works entered must be for sale, and each year 40 per cent or more of the works displayed are sold," Brother C.M. Simon, director of the show said.

No entry fees are charged, and the show is admission free to the public, June 10 through August 12.

Artists wishing to enter their works can get entry forms and details by writing to The Heritage Center, Inc., Red Cloud Indian School, Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770.



A GROUP INVOLVED WITH THE CREEK BILINGUAL HYMNAL PROJECT met recently at the Creek Nation Complex to discuss the initial phase of the project. Pictured left to right, front, are: Melissa Deere, second row, left to right, Lisa Deere, Georgetta Fixico, Lizzie Bruner, and Pauline Haney. Back row, left to right, Bonnie Deere, Paul Fixico, Pastor Ray McGilbray (Salt Creek Indian Methodist), Kenneth Deere, National United Methodist Church Commission on Religion and Race), and Woodrow Haney. The Haney's will serve as translators on the project, which is a joint effort of the Creek Nation, Salt Creek United Methodist, and the Nat'l UM Commission on Religion and Race.

-Photo by Gary Robinson

New Address for Chickasaw Nation Program-

The Chickasaw Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs is pleased to announce its official relocation to Ada from Ardmore. The newly remodeled offices are located at 1500 North Country Club Road, Ada, Oklahoma, and are owned by the Chickasaw Nation.



Obituaries

JOSHUA GORDON

Joshua Andrew Gordon of Schuler died February 10 in Okmulgee. Born August 2, 1982, in Claremore, he was seven years old. He was a second grade student at the Schuler Elementary School.

Wake services were held at 7 p.m. February 13 at the Buchanan Memorial Chapel. Funeral services were held February 14 at 10 a.m. at the Big Cussetah United Methodist Church with Rev. Robert Pinezaddleby officiating and Rev. Mike Harjo assisting. Interment followed in the Big Cussetah Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Carroll Mahoney, Leslie Mahoney, Terry Cobb, and Larry Sharp. Honorary Pallbearers were Robbie Jones, James Holata, Mathew Holata, Mark Holata, Edward Bailey, Jr., John Holata and Eugene Endres.

Survivors include his parents, Daniel and Mary Jean Gordon of the home in Schuler; one sister, Kacy Danelle Gordon of the home; maternal grandmother, Dorothy Pinezaddleby of Lawrence, KS; maternal grandfather James Holata of Oklahoma City; paternal grandmother, Jane Jones of Schuler; paternal grandfather, Ruben H. Gordon of Garber; paternal great grandfather, Ralph White of Dacoma; and numerous aunts, uncles, and other relatives and friends.

ALSEPHINE ALEXANDER

Alsephine Alexander, 80, died December 28, 1989. Her funeral services were held December 30 at the Haikey Chapel Church. Interment was in the Bixby Cemetery.

Mrs. Alexander was born to Sam Nahar Key and Susie Fry, June 1, 1909 in Tulsa. She grew up in Tulsa graduating from Central High School. She graduated from Baptist Nurses Training in Muskogee in the early 30's. She married Geronimo Alexander on August 10, 1944. They moved to Albuquerque where she worked in area city hospitals.

She moved back to Broken Arrow in 1987. She was a member of the Haikey Chapel Church and is survived by her husband, Geronimo of the home; one son, Micco and daughter-in-law Iris of St. Louis Park, MN; sister-in-law Josephine McHenry, Broken Arrow; brother-in-law, Glen Alexander, Dallas.

Note of Thanks....

To Dolly, my sister, and two other relatives who came down by plane and helped us to move back to Oklahoma from Albuquerque when my wife was ill, and to Manoah Gray who drove all night without any relief

from me.

Also to all my relatives and friends in the Creek Nation as well as my good friends in Albuquerque who stood by me in the time of need and to the end...

To the many friends who came to visit Alsephine when she was ill and who offered to help and to those who sent cards and letters and calls when she passed away. These wonderful people have meant so much to me. We, the family thank all of you who shared our loss, grief and pain.

To the Haikey Chapel members and friends we thank so much for your words and help.

Thank You,

Geronimo Alexander and Family

ELIZABETH HORTON

Elizabeth F. Horton departed this life on December 27 at Tulsa. She was born February 26, 1909 to Willie Fox and Cora Alexander Fox at Holdenville.

Services were held December 30, at Big Cussetah United Methodist Church. Elizabeth was a member of the Middle Creek Indian Baptist Church, Lamar. She attended Eufaula and Riverside Boarding Schools and graduated from Chilocco High School. She retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1966 at Lawton. She was a resident of Morris since October 1975.

She is survived by two daughters, Anna Hancock, Okmulgee; Bobbie Sue Erwin, Clearwater, KS; one son, Lewis Horton, Ft. Smith, ARK; four grandsons, Ronnie Hancock, Okmulgee, Steve Erwin, Okmulgee, Michael Horton, Arlington, TX, Mark Horton, Lawton; two granddaughters, Stacy Erwin, Clearwater, KS, and Janet Crow, Lawton; two great-grandchildren, Jessica Elizabeth Erwin, Okmulgee; Justin Robert Crow, Lawton, six nieces and three nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Horton in December 1980 and succeeded in death by her sister, Della Mae Beaver in January 1990.

Note of Appreciation...

We sincerely appreciate the comforting acts of expression shown by the relatives, friends and neighbors during the loss of our Mother and Grandmother, Elizabeth Horton. A special thank-you to the Big Cussetah Methodist Church members, the Family Altar Singers, Rev. Mike Harjo, Rev. Willie Gooden, Rev. Willis Baldrige, Rev. Jimmy Alexander, Rev. Bill Alexander and Henry Tarpalachee.

The Family of Elizabeth Horton

Note of Appreciation...

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Big Cussetah Indian Methodist, Okmulgee Indian Community and Creek Nation for whose help we could not have done without; and our special thank you to Linda Cusher, Perry Beaver, George Tiger and Matt Tiger. Also, we would like to thank the many tribal members who came to our assistance with food, money and much needed prayer. We will remember you always.

The Family of Joshua A. Gordon

REV. DANIEL PHILLIPS, JR.

The Rev. Daniel Phillips, Jr., 64, of Stidham died February 18 at the Community Hospital Lakeview in Eufaula.

Prayer services were held Monday, February 19 at 7 p.m. in the Little Coweta Indian Baptist Church. Funeral services were held February 20 at 2 p.m. in the Little Coweta Indian Baptist Church. The Rev. George Jesse and the Rev. J.B. Fish officiating. Pallbearers were: Jack Bedford, Daniel Deere, Kenneth Loma, Michael Deere, Adam Jones, Jr., and Sonny Barnett. John Kelley was Honorary pallbearer.

Graveside services were held in the Greenwood Cemetery conducted by the Eufaula VFW Post 8798.

The Rev. Phillips was born in McIntosh County, June 5, 1925 to Daniel and Mandy Hill Phillips, Sr. He was an Army veteran of WW II, where he was a POW. He is a member of the Little Coweta Indian Baptist Church, the DAV, the Eufaula VFW Post 8798.

He served as a missionary to the Creek Indian churches. He was married to Mina Harjo in Columbus, KS in June 4, 1947. He is survived by his wife Mina of the home; four daughters, Ramona Bedford and Jena Loma of Eufaula; Twanna Sue Deere and Amanda Middleton, both of Stidham; two brothers, Birdcreek Phillips and Franklin D. Phillips, both of Eufaula; a sister, Mildred Ketchishawno of Shawnee; six grandchildren and an aunt, Emma Lewis of Eufaula.

Four Volume Sets of CN Videos Available-

Creek Nation Video Programs are now available for purchase in a four volume set for \$50 or \$12.50 each. There will no longer be a two to four week delay in filling orders for video tapes as was necessary in the past. Tapes can be purchased in the Communications Department or by mail. Call 918/756-8700 ext. 310 for more information.

Ernest Best Letter...

"The Lord Reigneth, He is clothed in majesty; The Lord is clothed with strength... the floods have lifted up, O Lord, the Floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves. The Lord on High is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea."
-Psalms 93:1-4

In August we were with a couple of other Indian preachers and their wives, standing at midnight, overlooking the magnificent Niagra Falls, in Ontario. The colored flood lights were shining in the falls and the spray from the water formed a cloud above. The beauty and intensity of it almost overwhelmed the senses. There was also such a sense of uncomprehendable power there that it caused one to have a feeling of fear and respect, in spite of it's beauty, for this awesome thing that God had created. You knew your life was totally insignificant in comparison to it's tremendous power. I rejoiced as I thought, 'But our God is more powerful than this!'

During the month of January, we have stayed busy, particularly on weekends, and Wednesday nights. I preached two services at Hillabe Indian Baptist, here in this area, and also at First Texas Indian Baptist in Livingston. Both churches are without pastors. We then went with Bro. Clayton Anna and his family for three services at First Baptist in Gillespie, Illinois and finished with a service on Sunday night in Sweet Springs Baptist Church, Huntsville, Missouri. Bro. Clayton is working among his Choctaw people in the extreme southeast part of Oklahoma. Please pray for him.

The following week I had a tumor removed from my neck. We praise God the report from the lab came back good. The next Saturday, Bro. Rick Robertson and I went to a fellowship meeting in Smithville. Then I preached at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Westville. I finished the month out at Fundamental Indian Baptist in Okmulgee.

We praise God for the good month, for His meeting with us and giving us good services. We praise Him for spiritual blessings in our personal lives, physical strength, and safety in travel. We praise Him for you, our friends, and co-laborers in the work. We thank God for every remembrance of you. Some day we will be able to rejoice together with Him who called us for His service.

**Your Missionaries to the American Indians,
Bro. Ernest and Bennie Best.**



VISITING THE CREEK NATION WERE THIS DELEGATION OF GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT officials who were here in the Creek Nation touring the Bingo Hall in Tulsa and the Complex. The Guatemalan government is looking into the feasibility of opening high stakes bingo facilities in their country for purposes of economic development and tourism. Shown left to right are: Lionel Brolo- President of the Guatemalan Congress; Elizabeth Galvez- Member of the Board of Directors of ESTNA, the Guatemalan Military Academy; Chief Cox; Shirley Webster- Member of the Development for Peace Agency; Second Chief Perry Beaver; Laura Nicoll- Associate with the Austin Business Group; Dave Owen- Stephens, Inc. Investment Company and Barbara Scott- Development for Peace Agency.

Photo by Gary Robinson

A Report of a Forum Held in Oakland, CA February 9-10-

Framing a National Indian Agenda for the 1990's-

On February 9-10, the American Indian Resource Institute Incorporated with Council of Energy Resource Tribes, National Indian Justice Center and the Native American Rights Fund hosted a tribal leaders forum on Framing a National Indian Agenda for the 1990's. Tribal leaders throughout the country and representatives of national

Indian organizations and federal agencies were invited to meet Senator Inouye on the evening of the ninth and all day on the tenth to discuss the major topic of Framing a National Indian Agenda for the 1990's.

A central theme ran throughout testimonies of tribal leaders from throughout the country. Some of these major concerns were

maintaining sovereign rights, resources, jurisdiction, tribal ethics, and education.

In my testimony I stated a number of concerns pertaining the BIA setting the National Indian Education Agenda for the 1990's. I pointed out to the tribal leaders and Senator that every tribe, school and college had a different need. We are at different levels

Indian Education...

and we need technical support, not necessarily from the BIA, but through our own selection of these technicians. We need the resources to achieve and pursue our own initiatives, not global initiatives invented by BIA policy and budget personnel. Also, I pointed out that in the last twelve years, there has been no growth in education programs such as Higher Education scholarships, Title IV and Johnson O'Malley. Even though the Indian community college appropriations have increased, the Indian College student count has greatly increased thus seeing a decrease in about one third of their funding from the federal government. Other tribal leaders brought out other key points that must be brought into play in the 90's and that is ethics in tribal government as well as long-range government planning along with tribes by the start of the twenty-first century.

One of the announcements made by Senator Inouye at the Forum was a new concept that he will be forming into a new bill that will be debated in the Congress this year. The idea is, after consultation with other higher education leaders in Indian Country, of having a major Think Tank for Indian people located in Washington, D.C area; a training ground for tribal councilmen and future Indian leaders that can study government, budgets, policies, etc; wanting to see that the proposed Indian museum for that area is constructed in a design that represents Indians, which would include a room set aside for Indians to meet and hold ceremonies and the creation of an internship-type program in D.C. where up to five hundred Indian college students and young Indian leaders each year could take internships with Federal Government agencies as well as with the House of Representative, U.S. Senate and the White House.

In summary, I believe we are going in the right direction in setting the agenda for the 1990's and I urge other persons who are invited to one of these forums in the future to attend to provide positive testimony in furthering the betterment of Indian people.

Robert Swan, President of NIEA

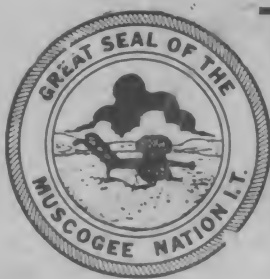
Parisian Named Head of BIA Education-

Interior's Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Eddie F. Brown, today announced the appointment of Edward F. Parisian as Deputy to the Assistant Secretary and Director of Indian Education Programs in the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

BABES Presentation...



BABES PROGRAM PRESENTERS use puppetry to help these Weleetka Elementary School children learn about the dangers of alcohol and substance abuse. Shown are, left to right: Rosemary Ashley and Debbie Yeahquo, Coordinators of the CN Youth Council Project; Shirley Morris, Children's Coordinator; Negiel Bigpond, Coordinator, CN Alcohol Program.



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Photo by Elliott Barnett

Hepsey Gilroy of Okmulgee stoops to grab a handful of wild onions she plans on cooking for a wild onion dinner. Early spring and late winter are the best seasons to start picking wild onions.

Get picking! Wild onion season here

By ANITA FREEMAN
Administrative Assistant

The rich, mouthwatering smell of wild onions filled the warm Conchartry Church dining hall as women were busy cooking and serving pots of onions and eggs.

It's a scene common in Creek Nation.

Wild onion dinners are an annual event that everyone looks forward to in the spring, says Evelyn Parker, CN Elderly Nutritionist.

Wild onion dinners whet appetites and offer a chance to socialize. But they also offer a more practical use -- for

many organizations they are major sources of raising funds.

This year, Conchartry Church held its dinner to raise funds for church expenses, Vacation Bible School and Sunday School supplies.

For this year's dinner, church members went out individually, picked wild onions and donated their pickings to the church. The practice isn't always charitable. Wild onion pickers also pick for cash, often selling 1-pound bags for as much as \$20.

Pickers should be aware early spring is the best time to
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Audit clears tribe; IHS isn't so sure

By JIM WOLFE
Muscogee Nation News Editor

An independent audit report has cleared the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of any fund mismanagement or conflict of interest but an Indian Health Service official isn't convinced.

Steven Fast Wolf, Oklahoma City Area IHS Contracting Officer, is asking the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to begin debt collection proceedings against the tribe.

Fast Wolf claims the tribe should repay \$3.1 million. He contends the tribal administration pooled the money into one general account against IHS regulations.

Six contracts for health care services between the nation and IHS, awarded under Public Law 638, are in dispute. An audit conducted by Leonard Bimbaum and Co. of Alexandria, Va., concludes that on five of the six contracts, monies advanced to the tribe were less than the IHS obligation.

Ironically, the report concludes that IHS owes the Creek Nation \$53,164.

Bimbaum's audit report also showed no indication of conflict-of-interests between the Nation and Johnston and Bryant, CPAs, Preferred Management, the Oklahoma Health Network and Primax Group, Inc. The report "disclosed no indication" that conflicts existed.

In the April 7 issue of *The Tulsa Tribune*, Fast Wolf said

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Council OKs land purchase for bingo hall in Muskogee

By JIM WOLFE
Muscogee Nation News Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) National Council approved the acquisition of 26 acres in Muskogee for \$180,000 at a special session April 5.

The tribe intends to develop a high stakes bingo facility on the property, located at U.S. 69 and Peak Boulevard, although gaming operations were not discussed. Funding for the land will be taken from the capital acquisition and the tax/licenses account.

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The proposed facility will seat at least 1,000 people and will be the tribe's second largest bingo hall after Creek Nation Tulsa Bingo. Cost estimates for the structure have been placed between \$850,000 to \$900,000.

A feasibility study conducted by the Office of Public Gaming estimated conservatively that the Muskogee facility could generate \$450,000 annually to the bingo

revenue account. The hall is expected to employ (250).

"We still have a lot of work to do before we can begin playing bingo," said Muskogee district representative Harley Little. "The land has to be placed in trust and financing the project is a big concern."

While the cost of the project is significant the tribe is not without funding options. Financing could come from bingo revenues, issuing tribal bonds or a combi

See Council on Back Page.

Your newspaper's changing its look

If you haven't already noticed, changes have been made in the Muscogee Nation News.

Obvious are the more superficial changes, particularly in design and format.

Not so obvious are changes in development and approach to the way we report the news that involve Creek people.



TOMMY CUMMINGS

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

We know a lot goes on within Creek Nation's boundaries. We want to present it to you in a readable fashion, minus the government doubletalk.

What good is a news story if it's written in a way only a bureaucrat

would understand?

Our mission is to produce a contemporary newspaper that functions as a voice for all Creek citizens, young and old, rich and poor.

Balance is our goal. All stories will feature as many sides to the issue as possible. That necessarily isn't a change but a recommitment to being fair and responsible.

In the current issue and in future issues of the MNN, changes will be made obvious.

Among them:

-- An emphasis on community news. An MNN editor will scour all the Creek communities, looking for news and feature stories.

-- Monthly cover stories. These will be in-depth pieces on single trends or issues, such as summer employment, the New Federalism, health issues, etc.

-- An at-a-glance look at National Council meetings. Instead of pouring through reams of text on council actions, what the legislative branch does at its monthly sessions will be presented in easy-to-read table form, showing how each council member voted on each issue.

The Creek Nation Communications Department is open to suggestions and comments. Don't hesitate to call.

Our future's looking brighter

There are some positive things that are taking place within our tribe and it makes me feel good about what could happen in the future.

We are at the crossroads and more than ever we need to take a look at what is going on and to take advantage of every opportunity that is afforded us.

Another economic development venture is going to be implemented in the near future in the Muskogee area. The proposed bingo hall will enable that community to provide employment for its people.

There are other economic ventures that are on the "drawing board" that I feel will be worth looking into for the benefit of the Creek Nation. In the last two years it seems we have been lax in pursuing economic development interest that would mean employment for our people.

However, recent cooperative actions by the Ex-



CLAUDE COX

PRINCIPAL CHIEF of CREEK NATION

ecutive and Legislative branches of tribal government provide encouragement. Working together means providing the best for our tribal members.

I was very proud to learn that the U.S. Census Bureau in a study on education levels attained by Native Americans showed the Creek Nation led all tribes throughout the nation in the graduation ratio of its tribal members.

We always have put education a priority for our people and according to this study it certainly is paying off.

I am sharing this with you to make this point: Our people have educated themselves in order to compete in this society whether it is on an individual or tribal level.

Our people have learned how to play the game and recent events show we are winning. We should look to the future with a positive attitude. We should look to the future with the knowledge that by working together we can overcome many things.

Yesterday's memories are filled with grief, tomorrow's visions are filled with greatness.

MVTO.

Letters to the editor

Second Speaker stresses unity

Creek Nation has overcome many obstacles and we still have many obstacles to overcome, but only when we stand united and not divided. The recent (Indian Health Service) matter proved to be difficult because of the lack of cooperation and division.

When IHS funds were frozen, Creek Nation made a loan to the Health Board to continue operating to meet the needs of the Creek Nation. A meeting was scheduled with Dr. Robert Harry, Area Director, IHS in Oklahoma City, to discuss the frozen funds.

I attended this meeting along with other Council members. Dr. Harry alluded to the letter which (Principal) Chief (Claude Cox) wrote asking that the funds be released to the Health Board and the discrepancies with the audit be taken care of between his office and the Executive staff.

Dr. Harry stated his concern was with internal problem of the Creek Nation government prior to the Chief's letter to his office. According to Dr. Harry, the

letter recognizing the Health Board, efforts of cooperation with the Board and the immediate concern for the well being of our Creek people's health fund needs, is what broke the stalemate and allowed the funds to be released.

Our health care service was underfunded prior to the problems with IHS, which only complicated matters. Our efforts may best be utilized by working toward the same goals, in order that our Indian people not suffer from the consequences of our differences within our government.

More obstacles are being overcome and I extend my appreciation and commend all of their cooperation and efforts to resolve these issues. We must continue to stand together as a nation to become an even greater and prosperous nation.

Earl Wheeler, Second Speaker, National Council

The Muscogee Nation News welcomes letters and will publish as many as space permits. Letters may be mailed to the Muscogee Nation News, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK, 74447. Contributors with access to a fax machine may transmit letters by phoning 918-756-3340. Letters must be signed with correct name, mailing address and daytime phone number. Addresses and phone numbers will not be published.

The Muscogee Nation News

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In Brief

Okmulgee OKs watch program

OKMULGEE -- A Neighbor Watch Program in one of the housing units here was approved by the Okmulgee Indian Community. A survey was taken earlier in the year and results showed residents were interested in the program. In other business:

-- Matt Tiger was elected coach for the community's entry in the Creek Nation Festival Olympics in June. Other volunteers: Doris Roanhorse, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Jackson, Sidney Long, Wilson Powell and Joe Jackson.

-- Sonny O'Hern of the Duck Creek Community discussed the Duck Creek Charter, boundary lines and future plans for a community center in the Duck Creek area.

Sweethearts win titles in contest

OKMULGEE -- Eight contestants were winners in the Okmulgee Indian Community Center Sweetheart Contest Feb. 23. Winners: Emily Jones, Christopher Tiger, Preston Dinordo, Gina Fleener, Blake Thornton, Terra Branson, Kenny Leybas and Pamela Checotah.

Pageant crowns Tulsa tot queen

TULSA -- Lakota Ray Scott, 3, won supreme queen and placed second in beauty competition at the 1990 Tulsa Baby Pageant and Diaper Derby. Lakota, a Creek-Pawnee, is the daughter of Delray Scott of Tulsa. She is the granddaughter of Mary Scott of Tulsa.



Lakota Ray Scott

Sapulpa essayist places third

SAPULPA -- Amber Felix, 7, placed third in a recent essay contest sponsored by the Creek County Child Guidance Committee. The contest theme was "What my family means to me." The entry was a crayon drawing. Felix, one-half Creek-Euchee, is the daughter of Dennis and Karen Felix of Sapulpa.

Okfuskee plans reunion bingo

MASON -- A family reunion bingo will be held at the Okfuskee Community Building at 7:30 p.m. April 14. If weather is inclement, the bingo will be held at Buckeye Church. A community bingo also will be held at the center 7:30 p.m. April 28.

Bowlegs picks basketball queen

BOWLEGS -- Sharon "Spud" Jones was crowned 1989-90 Bowlegs High School basketball queen. Jones is a senior at Bowlegs and was escorted by Chuck Sewell, a Creek-Seminole and a junior at Bowlegs. Jones also was an all-tournament guard at the Davis and Bowlegs tournaments. Jones, the daughter of Tarpie and Amy Yargee of Bowlegs, also was first runner in the 1989 Creek Nation Princess Pageant.

Artist sticks to traditions

Through art, Dustin man reinforces tribal culture

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
Contributing Editor

DUSTIN -- There's little to suggest that in a pink house alongside the dirt roads between Hanna and Dustin a young Creek-Seminole Indian artist is busy at work on his craft.

Anthony Mitchell, 24, is there, honing a skill he picked up in the third grade at Jones Academy near Hartshorne.

Through his art, Mitchell reinforces the importance of tribal culture as well as captures the ancient traditions of his people. At the same time, he portrays these rituals in a way that keeps them sacred.

Mitchell said the problem with a lot of Indians is they are getting away from tradition.

"Like my dad says, a lot of this stuff is being lost. The language is what we are losing, but we still remember our traditions," he said.

Mitchell certainly doesn't forget his traditions.

"I don't paint this stuff just to be doing it, money isn't the main thing. It was I'd be painting lizards and coyotes. I try to paint things that tell people there's more to being Indian. I always tell people it's deeper than that.

"There more to being Indian than just wearing feathers. There's a feeling to it."

Mitchell was among the featured artists at the Fourth Annual Indian Art Festival held at the Expo Square Pavillion in Tulsa. His artwork is on display now at the Tallasi Trading Co. in Tulsa and The Art Barn Gallery and Studio in McAlester.

Mitchell, a self-taught artist, began painting in the sixth grade. During this time, Mitchell first began competing and winning art contests held between Jones Academy and other Indian boarding schools.

Mitchell said at first his father, Tony, didn't believe that he was really serious about his artwork until it began to sell.

"I'd do my homework and then I'd paint. I sold paintings to my teachers, their friends, doctors and lawyers. I've always sold paintings from the seventh grade until now," he said.

Mitchell's paintings are done primarily in acrylic and his topic matter varies from animals to plains warriors to the traditional activities of the Creek ceremonial grounds.

He still continues to draw and is also working on a series of science fiction illustrations done in pencil.

Mitchell's subject interests are so diverse that his paintings are completely unpredictable and, unlike many other artists, his style is hard to pinpoint. But Mitchell contends that's what intrigues his audience: it never knows what to expect next.

"The thing I've always been taught is to play with the audience," he said. "I only do so much of one thing and then I stop. The hardest thing an artist has to do is to keep from getting bored with themselves."

Mitchell spends his days painting, researching his subjects as well as caring for his 3-year-old niece Danielle.



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Anthony Mitchell exhibits a sample of his work done on a cow skull.

"I do one (painting) during the day and usually one before I go to bed, sometimes three a day. It just depends on if the feeling hits you. Sometimes you work on a painting and then you get stumped."

Mitchell remedies his painter's block by playing with Danielle and then working on the painting later.

"This is my job -- babysitting and painting. I've got a baby in one hand and a paintbrush in the other," he said, laughing.

Mitchell's favorite subjects are animals and people, which he strives to paint as realistic as possible. Much of his artwork is inspired by his friends, dreams and most particularly his belief that man and the animals share a special relationship.

"I like doing the older Indians because they are interesting and they've got all the cracks in their faces. I like eagles, hawks and birds of prey.

"I think there is something deeper there. I know for fact that there is another world. As the world goes by the non-Indians don't realize that there is another world in which Indians carry on the traditions.

"With my art I can communicate to the non-Indian as well as the Indian."

Recently, a woman commissioned Mitchell to do a painting of a burial scene. The completed painting portrayed as Indian woman mourning the loss of her husband. After he presented the painting to the woman, Mitchell received a strange surprise.

"She said, 'Oh, I like this. Did I tell you that my husband passed away a month ago?' I must have got on her wavelength. I kind of felt errie, in a way, because I did that."

Mitchell said he thinks that an artist's job is to play with their viewers' emotions.

"Sometimes I do a painting and people get really happy.

"Each artist goes through something; we are kind of looking for our own space," he said. "You keep growing and look for that feeling inside."

Apply now for help with heating bills

Qualified residents within Creek Nation boundaries can apply for an energy assistance program offered through Creek Nation Community Services.

Income Guidelines

Size of family	Monthly income	Annual Income
1	\$785.00	\$9,420.00
2	1,052.50	12,630.00
3	1,320.00	15,840.00
4	1,587.00	19,050.00
5	1,855.00	22,260.00
6	2,122.50	25,470.00
7	2,390.00	28,680.00
8	2,657.00	31,890.00

For family units with more than 8 members, add \$2,460 for each additional member to annual total.

Additional criteria

- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood card (CDIB);
- Proof of income by furnishing employer check stubs or copies of federal and state checks received for retirement or welfare assistance benefits.
- Latest energy (utility) bill or wood suppliers name.
- Proof of residence within Creek Nation tribal boundaries such as mailing address on the energy bill and/or check stubs.

made for wood, propane, natural gas or electric.

"It just helps poverty level people get over the hump as far as their heating bills," said Jimmy Hill, Creek Nation manager of Social Services. "Those kind of bills hit hard this time of the year."

Any Native American living within the Creek Nation boundaries who did not receive assistance through the state Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Tribal Energy Assistance or the Harshid Assistance Program and meet specific criteria set by Creek Nation will be eligible.

Applications can be made at the Creek Nation Social Services Office in the tribal complex in Okmulgee.

Information: Call Hill at 867-8700, Ext. 280.

Senior Methodist schedule meeting

Senior Methodists of the Northeast District will hold its quarterly meeting at 10 a.m. April 8 at Big Cussetah. A business session is scheduled in the afternoon. District officials welcome the public.

Residents 49 years and younger must meet monthly and annual income guidelines and other criteria to become eligible.

Monies for this program are provided through an oil overcharge that is being returned to the state of Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission is managing the distribution of these monies and for the third consecutive year has awarded Creek Nation a \$13,000 grant for the program.

Energy assistance payments can be



Photo by Ellie Barnett

Stephanie Thomas of Okmulgee, Becky Bittle of Liberty Mounds and Calvin Barnett of Bristow show off their winning entry in the mummy wrap contest at the Creek Nation Youth Leadership Training Program. The mid-March event was sponsored by the Youth Services Department, Division of Community Services, at Creek Nation. The program consisted of workshops and activities for Creek Indian youth at Liberty Mounds High School.

In Brief



Caryn Barnett



Cassandra Barnett

Creek students now Super Scholars

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Two Creek students have been named OKC Super Scholars by the Oklahoma City Public Schools Indian Education.

Caryn Barnett, a fifth grader at Page Woodson Fifth Year Center and Cassandra Barnett, eighth grader from Moon Middle School, were recognized for academic achievements by the program.

Caryn is enrolled in an honors program, plays the violin in band and has been on the Johnson O'Malley Honor Roll the past four years.

Cassandra was a member of the Channel 5 Challenge Bowl team and appeared on television in competition. She also is enrolled in an honors program and been on the JOM honor roll for four years. She plays basketball for the Oklahoma City Swishers of the JOM Basketball League.

Both girls are daughters of Betty Barnett of Oklahoma City and Bennie (Sandy) Barnett of Wetumka.

Bacone hires aide to president

MUSKOGEE -- Dr. Jolynn Autry Digranes has been named an assistant to the president of Ba-

cone College. Digranes, a Creek from Wetumka, previously was interim dean of instruction and student development at Eastern New Mexico University in Clovis, N.M. She was recipient of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Minority Doctoral Grant and Scholarship at the University of Oklahoma where she completed her PhD. She received her BS and MS from Oklahoma State University. Other Bacone appointments: Janet Smith, Cherokee, to retention counselor; and Elray DeRoin, Otoe-Missouria, to admissions-recruitment counselor.

Teen plans to attend Fort Benning

CONOVER, N.C. -- Sutagee Anglin, 17, plans to attend Fort Benning, Ga., for Ranger Airborne training upon graduation from Conover High School. Anglin is the son of Lydia L. Anglin of Conover. He is the grandson of Washie Lewis Jr.



Sutagee Anglin

Okfuskee man on school board

MASON -- Farron Culley recently was elected vice president of the Mason School board. Culley, a member of the Okfuskee Indian Community, will be serving his third year as board member.

Little Cussetah to host revival

SAPULPA -- Evangelist Victor Orta of Tulsa will be featured April 16-21 at a revival at Little Cussetah Baptist Church. A nursery will be provided. Sessions will begin at 7:30 p.m.



Photo by Elliott Barnett

The family of Austin Bell is presented a military burial flag and cartridges from a 21-gun salute at Newtown Methodist Church. The presentation was made by the Seminole Nation Chapter of Vietnam Era Veterans Inter-Tribal Council. Accepting the ceremonial flag and cartridges are, left to right, George Bell, Cora Dearisaw, Bessie Bell, Becky Thompson (holding her daughter LeAndra Thompson) and John Thompson. Making the presentation is Victor Underwood.

In Brief

Sapulpa student symposium queen

TAHLEQUAH -- Lawanna Sue Tiger, Creek-Choctaw, was elected princess for the 1990-91 at the 18th annual Symposium on the American Indian at Northeastern State University.

Tiger, a graduate of Sapulpa High School majoring in computer science at NSU, will receive a \$500 scholarship among other gifts.



Lawanna Sue Tiger

Tuskegee Baptist schedules revival

STIDHAM -- The Rev. Allison Phillips will be featured evangelist at a revival beginning April 9 at Tuskegee Indian Baptist Church. Services begin at 7:30 p.m.

Okfuskee Baptist plans service

SEMINOLE -- The Rev. Richmond Carr will be featured speaker at a spring revival April 12-14 at Okfuskee Indian Baptist Church. Services start at 7:30 p.m.

Reunions

-- Yuchi Mission Reunion is scheduled June 17-19 at the Creek Nation Tribal Complex in Okmulgee. Contact: Bill Moody at Route 3, Box 387, Bristow, OK

84010 or call 918-367-3911; or J.B. Haikey, 1041 Augusta, Pekin, IL 61554 or call 309-347-9063.

-- The families of Ella Scott Taylor Hicks McIntosh, Edith Scott Deere King and Yana Scott Johnson are planning a family reunion June 17 at Greenleaf State Park near Braggs. The reunion will be held in the community building located in the park area. Plans for the reunion include a Sunday morning service and lunch. Members of these families who have not been contacted may call Hettie Charboneau at 918-485-4327 or Lela Dunson at 918-366-3695.

-- Wallace and Flora Fixico will be honored at a 50th anniversary reception April 22 at the Holdenville Civic Center, 124 N. Creek. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. with a covered dish luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Reception lasts from 2 to 4 p.m. Friends and relatives of the Fixico are invited. Information: Call DeLois Roulston at 405-925-3863 or 405-332-1943.

-- The eighth annual Smith Family Reunion is scheduled May 26 at Middle Creek Church, south of Dustin on Lamar Road. Information: Jimmy Roberts at 918-656-3303 or Diana Grayson at 918-696-4201.

Birth announcements

CLAREMORE -- Robby Dean Deere was born to Robby Deere and Danielle Baldwin of Okemah. Deere was born March 1.

ADA -- Tia Dawn Deere was born to Kelly Don Deere and Jualice Watson of Sapulpa Oct. 5, 1989.

Birthdays

GLENPOOL -- HinHin-Ska Hosila (White Owl Boy) Haney celebrated his third birthday Feb. 26. HinHin-Ska is the son of Mrs. Cheri Sherrell Haney (Yuchi-Creek-Choctaw) and Michael S. Haney (Seminole-Sioux).

Creek princess candidates to vy for glass slipper

OKMULGEE -- Creek Indian girls who want to be the goodwill ambassador of the tribe need to apply now, says Janita Screechowl, reigning Creek Nation Princess.

"Being princess will be a challenging and rewarding experience," Screechowl said.

"A new window on the world of the Indian will open for you, your commitment to the Creek people will increase and you will be inspired to take an active role in your tribal government."

Applications for the 1990 pageant, scheduled April 28, are being sought now. Deadline is April 16.

Applicants must be a junior in high school to a junior in college or not older than 22, never married nor have children and an enrolled Creek citizen.

The pageant will be in the Mound Auditorium at the Creek Tribal Complex here beginning at 7 p.m.

A 1 p.m. reception April 28 will be in the Creek Nation Complex Dining Hall for contestants and judges only. During the reception, contestants will be interviewed by the judges and judged on poise and personality.

During her year-long reign, the Creek princess will be required to attend tribal festivals, parades, rodeos, powwows and non-Indian activities throughout the state representing the Creek Nation. Her responsibilities also will be to promoting better understanding of Creek culture and tribal affairs.

"You will meet people from all walks of life and you will build strong character and leadership abilities," Screechowl wrote in a letter of encouragement.

The winning contestant will receive a scholarship, crown, banner, one dozen roses and other gifts. First runner-up will receive a gift of \$200 and one dozen carnations; the second runnerup will receive \$100 and one dozen carnations. All other contestants will receive a consolation gift.

For information on rules and applications, contact Creek Nation Princess Committee, Att: Pat Morgan, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447 or call Morgan at 918-756-8700, Ext. 271 or Phyllis Warrington at 918-428-9215.

Entries sought for Miss Indian Okla.

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Entries are being accepted for the Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant, scheduled May 13-14 at the Lincoln Plaza Stars Theatre.

Entries must be received by May 7.

The 1990 Miss Indian Oklahoma will receive \$1,000. Last year's winner was Nikki Owings.

Qualifications:

- Must be an Oklahoma resident;
- Must be at least one-quarter degree of Indian blood;
- Must be 18 to 25 years old.

Entry information: Write to Shirley Wapskineh, pageant president, at 515 S.E. 45th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73129 or call 405-632-5227. Other contacts: Roberta Johnson at 405-843-9087; Florence Tims, 405-943-5126; Jo Grove, 405-427-8932; Monetta Trepp, 918-742-1002; and Sally Farley, 918-336-2180.

How They Voted	Veto of NCA 90-09 - A bill authorizing the purchase of the Lincoln Plaza property in Oklahoma City.	NCA 90-12 - A bill appropriating bingo revenue for two additional case workers for the Social Services program.	NCA-90-03 - A bill authorizing the Chief to sign an addendum to the Creek Nation's satellite bingo contract.	NCA-90-19 - A bill establishing the tribe's delegation to the Five Civilized Tribes Inter-tribal Council.	NCA confi Lam Com
Ed Frye, Creek		yes	yes	yes	
Clarence Cloud, Creek		yes	yes	yes	
Earl Wheeler, Creek		yes	yes	no	
Mose Cahwee, Creek		yes	yes	abstain	
George Almerigi, Okmulgee		yes	yes	no	
Tony Hale, Okmulgee		yes	yes	no	
Tom Berryhill, Okmulgee		yes	yes	yes	
Charlie Litsey, Okmulgee		yes	yes	no	
Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee		yes	yes	no	
Helen Chupco, Muskogee		yes	yes	no	
Harley Little, Muskogee		yes	yes	yes	
Ken Childers, Tulsa		did not vote	did not vote	yes	
Jerry Wilson, Tulsa		not present			
Donna Rhodes, Tulsa		abstain	yes	yes	
Larry Bible, Tulsa		yes	yes	yes	
Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa		yes	yes	yes	
Tom Yahola, Hughes		yes	yes	yes	
Johnson Buck, Hughes		yes	yes	no	
Robert Buck, Hughes		yes	yes	no	
Bill Fife, Okfuskee		yes	yes	yes	
Clyde Johnson, Okfuskee		yes	yes	no	
Mae Jackson, Okfuskee		yes	yes	no	
Eugene Birdcreek, Okfuskee		yes	yes	no	
Helen Duncan, Wagoner		yes	yes	no	
Richard Berryhill, Wagoner		yes	yes	no	
Frank Kamp, McIntosh		yes	yes	yes	
Tom Pickering, McIntosh		no	yes	yes	
Tom Newton, McIntosh		yes	yes	yes	
Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh		no	yes	yes	

90-24 - A bill naming Richard as Lighthorse Mission Chief.	NCA 90-25 - A bill amending NCA 82-30 clarifying tribal court jurisdiction.	NCA 90-22 - A bill approving the by-laws of the C.N. Gaming Operations Authority Board.	NCA 90-26 - A bill au- thorizing the manage- ment and negotiation of funds from the natural Resources Budget for the agri-business.	TR-90-01- A resolu- tion addressing Class III gaming activity within C.N. bounda- ries.	NCA 90-29 - A bill re- establishing a smoke- shop for the Holden- ville Indian community.
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Seminole factions to split settlement

"...I stand before this General Counsel not knowing whether I will enjoy these monies that they say is ours. How long it will take to get this money, I don't know. I may not be around when that time comes. However, just as my forefathers who paid the ultimate price knew, it is a good feeling that generations after me will use and enjoy it to their benefit and the Seminole Nation."

— Statement made in 1975 by Bennie Factor, former Seminole Council member now deceased.

By GEORGE TIGER
Communications Coordinator

WEWOKA -- A battle that began with the removal of Seminoles from Florida to Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, has ended with presidential approval.

President Bush recently signed a provision allowing payments to be made to Florida and Oklahoma Seminoles for lands taken by the United States.

The \$16 million original amount has increased to more than \$50 million due to the interest it occurred over the years. Oklahoma Seminoles will keep approximately \$38 million; the remainder goes to Florida Seminoles.

Seminole Principal Chief Jerry Haney said he is honored the settlement was made during his administration.

"However, I can't help but thank the former administration for the tremendous work they done in order for this to happen today," Haney said.

"It has been a hard battle, one that has taken a lot of hard work and dedication. I feel that is a monumental period in the history of our Seminole Nation.

"This will allow this nation to look forward to the

future with a positive outlook."

Haney said plans are to hold hearings through Oklahoma to discuss the usage of the money. Funds may be used to help Seminoles in social service, education, health and economic development, he said.

"Many things could be put in a positive direction by using these funds wisely," Haney said.

In 1975, the Indian Lands Commission ruled that the U.S. owed Oklahoma and Florida Seminoles \$16 million for lands taken. In the past 15 years, a number of stalemates developed. The biggest: determining how the two factions would divide the funds.

The Oklahoma contingent contended it should receive the most because of the removal. Numerous meetings were held and finally, the Oklahoma Group -- with the support of its Congressional delegation -- came up with the split.

In Brief

Creek rodeo queen contest nears

OKMULGEE -- Creek girls who want to be Creek Nation rodeo queen need to lasso themselves an application soon.

Entry deadline for the Creek Nation Rodeo Queen Contest is April 30, 5 p.m. Judging will be June 14 in time for the Creek National Festival June 13-15.

The winning contestant will be required to appear at both performances of the Creek Nation Rodeo and be expected to represent the tribe at various rodeos and parades throughout the year.

The winner also will receive rewards and assistance established by the Creek Festival Committee, said Pat Presson, contest coordinator.

"She is the versed ambassador for the betterment, promotion and understanding of Indian rodeo," Presson said.

To be eligible, contestants must be:

- At least one-quarter Creek Indian by blood;
- A current resident of Oklahoma;
- 16 to 25 years of age;
- Single, never married or have had children;
- Able to ride a horse.

Contestants will be judged on horsemanship, appearance and personality. Candidates also will be required to sell ads for the rodeo program.

Contestants must submit three black and white photos, a one-page, typewritten biography and a \$25 entry fee.

To enter, contact Presson at the Creek Nation Tribal Complex' Credit and Finance Office or call 918-756-8700, Ext. 216.

Students: Prepare for fall today

OKMULGEE -- Creek college students should begin making preparations now for the fall semester, according to the Creek Nation Office of Higher Education.

"Act now because the sooner you apply the better," said Chenenna Davis, Manager of Creek Nation's Office of Higher Education.

Students already on the tribe's program should receive a newsletter and renewal form in the mail,

which should be completed and returned as soon as possible.

Students also should:

- Have their financial aid packet complete;
- Apply for admission to an accredited college or university;
- Apply for financial aid at the university;
- Apply for a Bureau of Indian Affairs grant at Creek Nation before June 1, and;
- Apply for a Tribal Funds Grant, also at the Creek Nation Higher Education Office, by June 15.

Information: Write Creek Nation Office of Higher Education, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447 or call 918-756-8700, Ext. 330.

NE Methodists plan Country Fair

The second annual Country Fair sponsored by the Northeast District United Methodist Women will be May 19 at the Northeast District Center. Arts and crafts, baked goods, food, plants and rummage will be available.

Program seeks summer workers

OKMULGEE -- Creek Indian students ages 14 to 21 looking for summer work can begin applying April 23 to participate in Creek Nation's Summer Youth Employment Program.

Applications will be taken April 23-May 18 and available from school counselors within Creek Nation. Because of limited funding, students ages 16 to 21 will be given priority.

Requirements include:

- A Social Security card;
- Proof of income (check stub, Social Security, statement or copy of AFDC card);
- CDIB (Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood) card;
- Proof of address;
- Verification of number in family;
- Boys 18 or older must have verification of registration with selective service;
- Persons under 18 will need parental or guardian consent; and;
- Statement from school verifying the student's enrollment.

Information: Call the JTPA office at the Creek Nation Tribal Complex, 918-756-8700, Ext. 255.

Health panel to halt over-counter drugs distribution June 1

No over the counter drugs will be given at Okemah Creek Nation Community Hospital beginning June 1.

Funding shortages will cause the hospital to stop giving over the counter medication -- such as Tylenol, Benadryl, etc. -- and medication that last over the weekend.

The decision was made at the March Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board meeting in Sapulpa.

Reductions in Indian Health Service funding and the influx of patients from other IHS facilities has caused the shortfall in funds for over the counter medication, said Sally Foster, community hospital administrator.

"Some of our physicians felt those types of medications would be the first we could stand to stop giving out," she said.

Foster said she did not know if the medications would be reinstated if the funding comes through.

In other announcements:

- A 28 percent increase in benefits for hospital and clinics employees was effective April 1;
- A mental health program is in the process of being started. Program representatives will be visiting clinics one day of the week;
- A representative from the accounting firm of Coopers and Lybrand will be attending the April 23 board meeting;
- Sherry Baker will continue her duties as interim director until a director is hired by April 30;
- A physician from the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah will be assisting the Okemah Clinic with walk-in patients;
- A policy on immunizations allowing registered nurses on duty administer the shots if a physician is not in the office;
- Eufaula Clinic has installed new dental equipment.

The board's next meeting will be 6 p.m. April 23 at the Okemah Clinic.

Sports

Okemah teen to tour South Pacific

OKEMAH -- Toney Lee was named to the roster of the Sooner Stampede, which will field two football teams from Oklahoma to play in a two-week tour of the South Pacific.

The Stampede will consist of two teams, the Oklahoma Boomers and the Oklahoma Stars. The teams will play against each other in exhibition games in New Zealand, Australia and Hawaii.

Lee, a Creek whose full name is Gene Antone Lee, will play for the Stars. Lee will leave June 6 and return June 23.

Players were chosen by Dan Crookham, organizer of the Sooner Stampede and athletic director at Will Rogers High School in Tulsa.

Criteria: Citizenship, good grades the desire to play, according to Stampede organizers.

Lee said the selection is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"I am very excited about meeting people from the other countries and seeing places that I will probably never get to see again," he said.

The trip will cost each player about \$2,900. Players will be responsible for fund-raising activities to help defray costs.

Missouri Creek finishes 2nd in meet

KANSAS CITY, Mo. -- Rodman (Rod) Lasley, 18, placed second at the Missouri State High School Wrestling state tournament at Columbia, Mo.

Lasley, a Creek-Seminole, represented Center High School in the state finals. He had a 22-4 record his senior season.

Lasley also was a co-captain of Center's football team, which went to the state finals.

Lasley's parents are Monroe and Louina Lasley of Kansas City. Maternal grandmother: Annie Tiger of Earlsboro. Paternal grandparents: the late Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Lasley of Hanna.



Rodman Lasley

Sapulpa wrestler pins down wins

SAPULPA -- Paul D. Tecumseh Jr., 9, completed a successful wrestling season for the Sapulpa Wrestling Foundation.

Tecumseh, the son of Paul Tecumseh of Sapulpa, has been awarded the Sapulpa Wrestling Foundation's President Award twice. Among his 1990 accomplishments:

- U.S. Oklahoma Junior Open, first place;
- Northwest Regional, first, 1988-90;
- U.S. Junior Nationals, first in 1989, second in 1990;
- Junior State Tournament, second, 1988-90;
- Catoosa Elementary Tournament, first;
- Sand Springs Open Elementary Tournament, first;
- Tulsa Eagles Elementary Tournament, first;
- Bixby Elementary Tournament, third;
- Sapulpa Open Elementary Tournament, second.

Tecumseh also played baseball last year for the Tulsa Stars, which won a state tournament in Oklahoma City. Tecumseh played third base.

National tennis entries sought

TAOS, N.M. -- Entries are sought for the third annual National Indian Tennis Tournament scheduled May 26-28.

Last year's tournament in Tahlequah featured 125 players in 13 different divisions. The first tournament was played in Arceta, Calif.

"We have tennis players coming from a wide range of tribes and states," said Matthew P. Smith, a North American Indian Tennis Association Board Association board member who is promoting this year's tournament.

Information: Contact Smith or Lynn Coffin, NITA president, at 505-776-2382.



Paul Tecumseh

Powwows

Sand Springs dance contests set for April 21

SAND SPRINGS -- The first annual Sand Springs Indian Education Contest-Powwow will be April 21 at River City Park. The program includes gourd dancing from 2 to 5 p.m.; supper at 5 p.m.; gourd dancing from 6 to 7:30 p.m.; processional at 8 p.m.; and contests from 8:30 to 11 p.m.

Staff includes: Evans Ray Satepauhoodle, head singer; Michael Pahsetopah, head man dancer; Heather Stone, head lady dancer; Osage Gourd Dancers, host gourd clan; Archie Mason, master of ceremonies; Perry Aunko, arena director; and Sonia Ott, princess.

To set up an arts and crafts booth, contact Alice Kemp at 918-245-1088. Cost: \$10. Vendors must furnish own setup.

Other powwows scheduled:

Haskell Indian Junior College

LAWRENCE, Kan. -- Haskell Indian Junior College will be host to a spring powwow May 4-6. Sponsor: Haskell Indian Junior College Powwow Committee. Information: Hannes Combest at 913-749-8477 or Barbara Cunningham at 913-749-8445.

Bacone College-Muskogee

MUSKOGEE -- Bacone College will be host to a spring powwow May 11-12 at the campus gymnasium. Dancing begins at 2 p.m. Dinner will be at 5 p.m.

Holdenville

HOLDENVILLE -- Holdenville will be host to a competition powwow May 6 at Stroup Park. Registration: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 6. Dancing begins at 1 p.m. In case of rain, competition will be held at the FFA Showbarn.

Albuquerque, N. M.

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. -- The seventh annual Gathering of Nations Powwow will be April 20-21 at the University of New Mexico Arena. More than \$35,000 will be awarded in world class singing and dancing competition. First place will be worth \$1,000 in all adult divisions. The event is billed by organizers as North America's biggest powwow. Admission: \$4 daily, \$7 two-day pass. Information: Contact Gathering of Nations, P.O. Box 75102, Station 14, Albuquerque, N.M., 87194 or phone 505-836-2810.

Rogers State College-Claremore

CLAREMORE -- More than \$3,000 in contest money will be available when Roger State College's ninth annual Claremore Powwow kicks off May 18-20.

The powwow is sponsored by the Rogers County Indian Association.

An arts and crafts exhibition kicks off activities at 10 a.m. May 18. Other activities May 18: a gourd dance, grand entry, princess coronation and several junior division contests at 8 p.m.

Activities May 19: a 2 p.m. downtown parade, two gourd dances and several women's contests.

CHRs to instruct breast cancer exam

Creek Nation Community Health Representatives will be teaching women how to conduct a breast self exam during April. The CHRs will be at the:

- Okemah Indian Community Cares Building from 10 a.m. to noon April 19;
- Coweta Indian Community Center, 9 to 11:30 a.m., April 25.
- Okmulgee Indian Community Building, 9 a.m. to noon, April 26.

One out of every 11 women in the United States will

develop breast cancer at some time during her life. Every 15 minutes, three women develop breast cancer and one woman dies of breast cancer.

Teresa Ables of the Creek Nation's CHR office urge all women to attend the inservice sessions.

"Thirty minutes of your time could save your life," Ables said. "Breast cancer is most easily treated and cured when it is found early."

Information: Call the Creek Nation CHR office at 756-8700, Ext. 228.

United Keetoowahs set aside first Saturday in April to honor Trail of Tears

TAHLEQUAH -- The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma approved a resolution setting aside the first Saturday of April each year for all meditation in silence for those who traveled the "Trail

of Tears." The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians is a federally-recognized tribal government dedicated to the preservation of Cherokee people and tradition.

Non-smokers are latest winners at Tulsa Bingo

By TOMMY CUMMINGS
Communications Director

Non-smokers rejoice.

If you were chased by cigarette smoke made by Tulsa Creek Nation Bingo players, accommodations have been made.

The facility has added a non-smoking section, partitioned off by glass and available to as many as 250 patrons or 20 percent of occupancy.

"The smoke was one of the biggest complaints we were having," said Web Huntley, manager of the facility. "We had several smoke eaters (devices) in the building but they couldn't do nothing to the smoke before it got to them.

"It was really uncomfortable for the non-smokers or people with allergies. We're hoping the new section will bring people back here to play."

Huntley said he anticipates the section to expand seating in the future.

Lincoln Plaza project due discussion

There was a media blitz in early April concerning

Gaming report

the tribe's interest in buying the Lincoln Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Oklahoma City for conversion to a hotel/bingo complex.

A Creek Nation press release reported developments in the March National Council meeting, among them the veto of a bill that called for Principal Chief Claude Cox to begin negotiations for the Lincoln Plaza.

Cox vetoed the bill after a rider to the bill was attached by tribal members from Glenpool who were pushing for money to develop an industrial park near Glenpool.

The release was issued March 31.

The Associated Press sent out the release Monday morning and The Tulsa Tribune expounded on the Lincoln Plaza issue for its Monday edition.

Other media, particularly Oklahoma television stations, picked up on the Lincoln Plaza issue in the ensuing days.

There was no discussion of the Lincoln Plaza issue as a special session April 5 and it's not known whether it will

be on the National Council's April agenda.

Tribal attorney studies Oneida gaming

Greg Bigler, Creek Nation tribal attorney, visited the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin in late March to gather information on that group's gaming operations. Bigler said he found the Oneidas have remedied unemployment problems and increased their tribal funding tremendously with their gaming operations.

Thlopthlocco removes slot machines

The community of Thlopthlocco near Clearview apparently has removed slot machines at its gaming facility.

Barbara Kelley, town king, told The Tulsa Tribune the machines were installed in early March but were removed a couple of weeks later after she was told to do so by a U.S. government official she did not name.

The National Council passed a resolution in March forbidding the use of slot machines at Creek Nation gaming facilities.

The resolution passed unanimously.

In Brief

Creek educator featured speaker

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Blue Clark, associate director of American Indian Studies at California State University-Long Beach, will be among the speakers at the Red Earth Writer's Conference. The conference is scheduled June 11-12 at the Remington Land Inn, 1401 E. Interstate 44 in Oklahoma City. Clark, a Creek, joins noted Native American authors, researchers, screen writers, New York publishers, editors and agents at the conference, designed to foster Native American awareness and preservation through the development of literature. Information and applications: The Center of the American Indian, 2100 N.E. 52nd St., Oklahoma City, OK 73111 or call 405-427-5228.

Wyandottes: Send us broadcasters

WYANDOTTE -- The Eastern Shawnee Indian Tribe and the Wyandotte Indian Tribe are joining efforts to establish an Indian School of Broadcasting.

State council announces 3 grants

NORMAN -- The Oklahoma Council for Indian Education is announcing applications for three scholarships for Indian students in Oklahoma. They are:

- The Marlene LeClair/Helen Wright Memorial Scholarship, established in honor of Marlene LeClair's outstanding contribution and service to Indian education. The scholarship is for Indian undergraduate students.

- The John Sams Memorial Scholarship, established in honor of the former Director of Indian Education. It is awarded for an outstanding Indian high school student.

- The OCIE Scholarship, established for an Oklahoma Indian high school or undergraduate college student.

Information: Contact OCIE, 2424 Springer Dr., Suite 200, Norman, OK 73069 or call 405-329-3522.

Junior inventor wins \$750 scholarship

OKMULGEE -- Shannon Brown, 18, of Liberty Mounds won a \$750 scholarship to Oklahoma State University Technical Branch with his winning invention project.

The Inventions and Technology workshop was co-sponsored by the OSU Tech/Minority Business Enterprise Project, the Creek Nation Youth Council and other business support agencies.

Entrants gave a description of a business plan, complete with a market analysis, management plan, startup cost budget, profit forecast and resume.

Brown's entry was a farrier business (horseshoeing trade).

Other winners from Creek Nation:

- Zack Anderson, 18, of Holdenville, who presented a physical therapy practice business, \$500 scholarship;

- Danna Yeahquo, 16, of Broken Arrow, who presented her child adolescent counseling center, \$250 scholarship.

OU names Indian law center director

NORMAN -- Rennard James Stickland, an authority on American Indian law and legal education, has been named professor of law at the University of Oklahoma. Strickland, a Muskogee native who is of Cherokee-Osage descent, also will serve as director of OU's American Indian Law Center.



Photo by Elliott Barnett
Shannon Brown presented his winning business plan.

OU schedules Heritage Week

NORMAN -- American Indian Heritage Week is scheduled April 14-21 at the University of Oklahoma.

The celebration is sponsored by the OU American Indian Student Association and OU's College of Arts and Sciences Department.

Activities scheduled April 14 include:

- First general meeting of the OU American Indian Alumni Society, 1 p.m., Dining Room 2 at the Oklahoma Memorial Union, 900 Asp Ave. Native Americans who are former students, alumni or friends of OU are invited.

- "Annual Spring Swing" dance, 8 p.m., Dining Room 6, Memorial Union. Admission: \$8 in advance, \$12 at the door.

Activities scheduled Tuesday, April 17:

- Annual Miss Indian OU Pageant, 7:30 p.m., Meacham Auditorium, Memorial Union. No admission charged.

Activities Friday include:

- OU American Indian alumni artwork exhibit sponsored by the OU College of Arts and Sciences, 5:30 p.m., Jacobson Foundation, 609 Chautauqua Ave.

- Panel discussion on American Indian history, 9 a.m.-noon, session on political economics, 1 to 5 p.m., Dining Rooms 1 and 2 of the Memorial Union.

- American Indian Student Association benefit stomp dance, 7:30 p.m., Lloyd Noble Center, 2900 Jenkins Ave.

Activities Saturday include:

- A panel discussion on the Indians of Oklahoma, 9 a.m.-noon, Memorial Union. Following will be a banquet sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, Dining Room 5 and 6. Banquet is open to the public. Tickets: \$8.

- Public "Spring Contest Powwow," 2 p.m., Lloyd Noble Center. No admission will be charged.

John Allen Bear

OKMULGEE -- John Allen Bear, 39, of Okmulgee died March 28 in Oklahoma City. Funeral services were March 31 at Grave Creek Baptist Church in Hichita with the Rev. Thomas Long officiating. Bear was buried in the Grave Creek Cemetery. Bear worked for AT&T in Oklahoma City for the past eight years. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War where he served with the U.S. Marines. Survivors: his mother, Alice Freeman; three brothers, Ivan Bear of Duncan, Sandy Roberts of Okmulgee and Ronnie Burnside of Oklahoma City; six sisters, Janie Bear of Shawnee; Rosanna Bear of Sapulpa, Lucinda Roberts of Oklahoma City, Nakina Taryole of Okmulgee, Verna Factor of Okmulgee, and Alicia Burnside of Oklahoma City; two children, John Bear Jr. and Angela (Bear) Ingram; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.



John Allen Bear

brother, Solomon Jacobs of Taft, Calif.; 19 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Dora Mae Smith

CASTLE Dora Mae Smith, 69, of Castle died March 21 at her home. Funeral services were March 24 in the Prairie Springs Baptist Church with the Rev. John Factor officiating. Burial was in the Smith family cemetery. Smith was born Oct. 17, 1920, to Barney and Betty Simmons Hicks. She was a homemaker and member of the Prairie Springs Baptist Church. Survivors: husband Jose Smith of the home; a daughter, Mary Ann Tiger of Okemah; two brothers, Elder Hicks and Edmond Hicks; and two sisters, Bessie Cooper and Loise Harley, both of Okemah; and four grandchildren.

Sandy Buckner

WEWOKA -- Sandy Buckner, 62, of Wewoka, died Feb. 24 at his home. Funeral services were held Feb. 28 in Sand Creek Baptist Church with the Rev. Webster Fixico officiating. Burial was in the Tiger Cemetery in Wewoka. Buckner was born Aug. 5, 1928, in Hanna, to Manie and Lussie Buckner. He was married to Elizabeth Tiger and retired from Bundy Candy Co. Survivors: his wife, Elizabeth Tiger of the home; a son, Ace Buckner of Hanna; two grandchildren, four nephews, three nieces and a cousin.

Ace Christopher Gray

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Ace Christopher Gray, 2, of Oklahoma City, died March 28 in Oklahoma Childrens Hospital. Funeral services were held March 31 at Trenton Church in Hanna. Burial was in the Pigeon Family Cemetery. Ace was born Dec. 10, 1987, in Ada to Cerena Gray and Oscar Pigeon Jr. Survivors: his parents, Cerena Gray and Oscar Pigeon Jr.; one brother, Joshua Gray of the home; one sister, Alicia Gray of the home; and his grandmothers, Esther Gray and Susan Moore. Pallbearers: Adam Pigeon, Paul Pigeon, Qunicy Gray, and David Moore.

The Rev. Ben F. Burgess

HENRYETTA -- The Rev. Ben F. Burgess, 76, of Henryetta died March 29 in Tulsa. Funeral services were held April 2 at the Little Cussetah United Indian Methodist Church. He was buried in the Little Cussetah Indian Methodist Cemetery. Burgess was born Nov. 12, 1913, in Schuler. He was a veteran of World War II serving with the U.S. Air Force. He was a retired minister. Burgess married Hettie Sullivan March 8, 1976, in Eufaula. He was a member of Little Cussetah United Indian Methodist Church and life time member of the Disabled American Veterans. Survivors: his wife, Hettie S. Burgess of the home; one stepson, James Freeman of Tulsa; one sister, Delilah Berryhill of Okmulgee; and one nephew, Richard W. Sullivan of Tulsa.

Nancy Chupco Frank

OKEMAH -- Nancy Chupco Frank, 67, of Okemah, died Feb. 23. Funeral services were held Feb. 26 at Arbeka Indian Methodist Church with the Rev. Walter McGirt of Oklahoma City officiating. She was buried in the Frank Family Cemetery, west of Okemah. Mrs. Frank was born April 20, 1922, in Wewoka, the daughter of the late James Chupco and Bettie Thomas Chupco. She was a member of the Arbeka Indian Methodist Church. She married John L. Frank in Wewoka Feb. 14, 1942, and they made their home

Thanks

Yuponco Family

The Yuponco family wants to express its deepest and most sincere gratitude to everyone who showed love and kindness with their thoughts, prayers, food, flowers and presence during the loss of our beloved father, Roy Davis of Okmulgee.

Scott Family

The family of Betty Ellen Scott sincerely appreciate the comforting acts of expressing shown by relatives, friends and neighbors. The family extends a special thank you to the Hutchachuppa Church members; also special thanks to the Rev. Bridge Chuckluck, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lowery, Paulina McNac, First Indian Baptist Church and the Rev. Frank Belvin.

Nancy Chupco Frank Family

The family of Nancy Chupco Frank appreciate the acts of expression shown by the relatives, friends and co-workers of Mrs. Frank. The family extends special thanks to those who provided food, money, cards, telephone calls and prayers; also special thanks to Arbeka United Methodist Church members, Marshall and Ruby Harjo, Frankie Coachman, Billy McKane, the Rev. Bill Beaver, the Rev. Walter McGirt, the Rev. Joe Lowe Jr., Colonial Park Nursing Home staff, Jacob and David Hale, Ray and Lena Condict, Chupco-Larney members, Webb Funeral Service and others.

west of Okemah. Survivors: her husband, John L. Frank of the home; six children, Mary Frances Ybarra of Omaha, Neb., Robert W. Frank of Oklahoma City, Darlene Taryole of Okmulgee, Ronald D. Frank of Shawnee, Michele Billie of Tulsa and Janine Bond of Ada; two brothers, James C. Chupco Jr. of Long Beach, Calif., and Amos T. Chupco of Seminole and 11 grandchildren. Rachel Walker, a sister, preceded her in death. Pallbearers: Sanford Walker, Ramon Ybarra, Jimmie Chupco, Dennis Baker, Rodney Chupco and Charles Chupco Jr.

Martha Simmer

OKEMAH -- Martha Simmer, 79, of Okemah died March 4 at Tulsa Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were March 7 in Green Leaf Indian Baptist Church with the Rev. Willie Herrod and the Rev. Rolley Harjo officiating. Burial was in the Little Quarsarty Cemetery. Mrs. Simmer was born in Okfuskee County Dec. 14, 1910. She was married to Johnnie C. Simmer March 25, 1941, in Okfuskee County. He preceded her in death in 1949. She was a member of the Green Leaf Indian Baptist Church and the Women's Missionary Union. She was a longtime resident of Cromwell before moving to Okemah in 1989. Survivors: two daughters, Naomi Simmer of the home and Charlotte Butcher of Wewoka; 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were grandsons, nephews and grand nephews.

Pansy Watts

HENRYETTA -- Pansy Watts, 73, of Henryetta died April 2. Funeral services were April 7. Burial was at the Scott Family Cemetery south of Henryetta.

Luella C. Lee

EUFULA -- Luella C. Lee, 65, of Eufaula, died March 13, at her home. Graveside services were March 17 at the Morrison Cemetery with the Rev. Kellos Walker officiating. Lee was born Oct. 19, 1924 in McIntosh County to Thomas and Yemia Yahola Cummings. She was a former machine operator at a sewing factory in Eufaula. She was a member of the Little Coweta Indian Baptist Church. Survivors: a sister, Eloise Turpin of Dalhart, Texas; two brothers, Connie Ed Cummings of Oklahoma City and Tommy R. Cummings Jr. of Okmulgee and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert T. Lee, her parents and a brother, David Cummings.

Betty Ellen Scott

OKMULGEE -- Betty Ellen Scott, 47, resident of Okmulgee since 1957, died March 11 in Okemah. She was buried March 14 at the Hutche Chuppa Indian Baptist Church with the Rev. Bridge Chuckluck officiating. She was buried in the Hutche Chuppa Cemetery. She was born Oct. 5, 1942 in Eufaula to John and Jennie Butler. She was a licensed practical nurse for several years, working at Highland Park Manor until her retirement. She was a member of the First Indian Baptist Church. Survivors: a stepmother, Reba Butler of Okmulgee; two sons, Stanley Harjo of Okmulgee and Bobby Lee Harjo of Okemah; one daughter, Sonja Renee Grimes of Dewar; one brother, Dave Butler of Henryetta, and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, David Lee Scott, in January of 1986.

Lewis Jacobs

HENRYETTA -- Lewis Jacobs, 72, of Henryetta, died March 23. Funeral services were March 26 at the Yardeka Baptist Church with the Rev. Legus Lowe officiating. Grandsons were pallbearers. Burial was in the Jacobs Family Cemetery. Jacobs was born in McIntosh County and was a retired truck driver. Survivors: two sons, Lewis Jacobs Jr. and Christopher Jacobs of Henryetta; three daughters, Emma Jacobs, Nettie Taylor and Janet Taylor, all of Henryetta; a

Court: Suit involving Council, officials moot

By JIM WOLFE

Muscogee Nation News Editor

A year-old civil suit that pitted the National Council against a hospital management corporation and Creek Nation's executive director has been ruled moot.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court made the ruling in an opinion issued March 26.

Preferred Management, the hospital management group listed as appellees in the case, no longer manage Creek Nation hospital and clinics. The court ruled no punitive action is necessary in declaring the group's original contract void.

Also the court declared a judgement is unneeded in a conflict-of-interest charge involving Creek Nation Executive Director Gary Breshears, Preferred Management and Primax, an Indian health care consultant firm.

Primax lists Breshears as its president. The firm and Preferred Management share the same office space, mailing address and interlocking employees, according to the court's opinion.

Breshears said the decision reinforces his belief that the "case should have never gone to court."

The decision stems from an appeal made by Preferred

Management and Breshears, of a case questioning the validity of a contract for administrative services for the Creek Nation Community Hospital and a possible conflict-of-interest. In March 1988, the Creek Nation announced that Preferred was the successful bidder for the hospital and clinics contract. A contract between the tribe and Preferred was signed in May 1988.

The Council filed suit in the Creek Nation District Court in March 1989 seeking to have the contract with Preferred declared invalid because the legislative body had not approved the agreement.

The Council also sought a conflict-of-interest judgement against Breshears and Primax. District Court Judge Patrick Moore ruled in September that the contract was invalid because it lacked Council approval. The Supreme Court upheld Moore's decision in a 4-1 vote with Justice Eliot Howe dissenting.

As of April 9, Howe's minority opinion had not been received by the tribal court clerk.

Regarding the conflict-of-interest, the high court ruled that Primax had done no business with the Creek Nation and since Preferred has not managed the hospital and clinics since October 1989, the issue was moot.

The Supreme Court did send the case back to District Court with instructions for Judge Moore to examine a possible conflict-of-interest between himself and Council attorney Greg Stidham.

Moore and Stidham have a professional relationship arising from Stidham's part time employment with the Okmulgee-McIntosh County District Attorney's office. Moore is an Assistant DA in Okmulgee.

The District Court is to determine if any unpaid balance for services is due to Preferred for September-October 1989.

Breshears said the ruling pointed out what "we (he and his attorneys) knew all along, that there was no conflict-of-interest."

"This opinion shows that some judicial reform is needed at the District Court level," Breshears said. "The (tribal) government needs to implement reforms to protect Creek citizens. This is an issue that needs to be addressed."

Ken Childers, speaker of the National Council, said the ruling is a victory for the legislative branch of government and upholds the Council's Constitutional authority to approve contracts.

"The Supreme Court ruling was actually the only verdict that could be made," Childers said.

Creek war hero receives honor

Ernest Childers remembers clearly the day 46 years ago when he hobbled up an Italian hill on a broken foot to lead a successful charge through enemy machine gun nests and a sniper hideout.

"There are times when death is imminent...it makes a lasting impression," said Childers, 72, a native of Broken Arrow who now lives in Coweta. "You don't forget it."

The state staged a tribute to the retired lieutenant colonel April 9 at the state Capitol in Oklahoma City.

The ceremony coincided with 45th Infantry Appreciation Day, established by a resolution sponsored by former 45th Thunderbird Division member Oklahoma Sen. John Dahl, D-Barnsdall.

Childers, a Creek citizen, joined the 45th Division in 1937. His unit was Company C of the 180th Infantry, which was made up primarily of students from Chilocco Indian School.

Childers won the Medal of Honor for his actions Sept. 22, 1943, during a battle at Oliveto, Italy, during World War II.

His citation for the honor says, "Childers, handicapped by a broken instep, led eight men up a hill toward enemy machine gun nests."

Childers killed two snipers who blocked the soldiers' way, killed the occupants of one machine gun nest and threw rocks to lure out the men inside the nest, according to the citation.

Childers went further up the hill to capture an enemy mortar observer.

Childers was the first in the National Guard's 45th Division and the 13th soldier of the European Theater during World War II to receive the Medal of Honor.

Childers said the ceremony was particularly gratifying. "You live your through life and you plan your best and someday you reach a point where you have reached the maximum, ultimate achievement," he said.

Childers' portrait by fellow 45th Thunderbird Division member Brummett Echohawk of Tulsa was unveiled in the state Senate chamber during the ceremony. The portrait will hang in the Senate lounge for a year, then go on permanent display in the division museum.

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nation of sources.

Once a clear title to the land is received and funding is provided, the Muskogee bingo facility could be operating by late summer.

At its March 31 regular session, the Council approved the hiring of two additional case workers for the tribe's social services department.

A Bureau of Indian Affairs audit of the department revealed a need of "5.68 full-time" case workers or two more than the department had staffed. The hiring of the additional workers will bring the social services program in compliance with the Bureau of Indian Affairs requirements.

The Council also changed the tribal delegation to the Inter-tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes. The delegates had been selected by the Chief. The legislation names the Principal Chief, second chief, speaker and second speaker of the National Council and a Supreme Court justice.

Also passed was a resolution placing the tribe's opposition to Class III gaming activities.

Onions

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find wild onions, said Gary Shaum, editor of Green Country Gardener. "They're not blooming at this time," Shaum said.

Jeri On The Hill, another Concharty member says, one doesn't want to pick wild onions too early or too late. "They're too old when they start getting seeds in the top, a good length to pick is when the stem is about 7 or 8 inches long," she said.

Crow's poison is the biggest concern when it comes to picking wild onions. Crow's poison also is a bulb-type plant.

Crow's poison grows in open fields, often grazing pastures. Wild onions grow along roadsides and near wooded areas where the soil is rich.

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Bimbaum's audit is invalid because specific issues were not addressed.

As of April 9, Principal Chief Claude Cox had not received a demand for payment or any other response from the Oklahoma City Area IHS Office.

Ed Frye, chairman of the National Council's Business and Government Committee, said April 9 he had not received any response from the IHS office either.

Fiscal Year 1990 funding for the hospitals and clinics has been released to the Health Board and there has been no disruption of services.

Funding also is expected for the Community Health Program which has been operating with carryover funds

from the Fiscal Year 1989 contracts.

Creek Nation Executive Director Gary Breshears said the Creek Nation is in compliance with IHS requests and anticipates no withholding of funds for the CHR program.

Breshears added that the Nation has a "very sophisticated accounting system" that Fast Wolf does not understand and that the contracting officer has misquoted laws and federal regulations.

Calls were made to Fast Wolf April 9 but not returned.

"It will be months before the issue is settled. Among the options being considered by the tribal administration is to file a federal suit in U.S. District Court.

"I think what we need to do, is get back on track as a tribe looking out for the best interest of the people and their rights," Breshears said.

Tribal leaders had not filed a lawsuit by April 9.



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BIA: Three tribal towns sovereign

By JIM WOLFE

Muscogee Nation News Editor

Three Creek tribal towns, which have sought to secede, have been recognized as independent government units separate from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Thlopthlocco, Kialege and Alabama Quarsarte will

be able to contract directly with the BIA for services. An April 20 memorandum from Ron Eden, acting deputy to assistant Department of Interior secretary Eddie Brown, instructs the Muskogee Area BIA office to consider the town governments "in any contracting, recontracting and grant award processes" that is current, for fiscal year 1991 and beyond.

Principal Chief Claude A. Cox said the reclassifica-

tion will hurt the Creek Nation in terms of federal contracts and numbers from citizenship rolls.

Cox learned of Eden's letter April 30, but the tribal towns' efforts have been in motion for some time.

On Nov. 30, 1989, Brown rescinded an earlier BIA policy that included the towns as part of the Musco

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Mother's efforts aid new princess

By ANITA FREEMAN

Administrative Assistant

OKMULGEE — Dode Ann Warrington, 18, appreciates the value of communication and has for a long time.

Using sign language in her talent competition, Dode Ann was crowned the 11th Creek Nation Princess at a pageant April 28.

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Warrington, an education major at Drury College in Springfield, Mo., performed an oratory in Spanish, French and sign language on the importance of learning another language, and the need for the Creek youth of today to learn their native tongue.

She emphasized the point "because this generation will be the last to learn from the elders."

Phyllis Warrington, who stepped down from the princess committee when her daughter entered, said she was pleased Dode Ann incorporated sign language in her speech.

"When Dode was a baby I taught her sign lan-

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Photo by Anita Freeman

Dode Ann Warrington, a student at Drury College, is Creek Nation's 11th Princess.

Tribe, IHS still at odds over contracts

By JIM WOLFE

Muscogee Nation News Editor

Muscogee (Creek) Nation administrators believe they have the documentation but Indian Health Service isn't ready to look, listen or respond just yet.

At issue is a 13-month-old dispute concerning service contracts.

IHS officials have alleged the tribe has mishandled \$3.7 million in four IHS contracts since 1986. Creek officials stand by audits that apparently clear the tribe of any wrongdoing.

Gary Breshears, Creek Nation executive director, said it has come to "put up or shut up time."

Breshears was responding to the latest round of comments attributed to Steven Fast Wolf, an IHS contracting officer, made at the April 23 meeting of the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board.

The meeting was reported in the April 25 edition of the *Okmulgee Daily Times*.

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Health officials: Exercise caution before giving scratches

By TOMMY CUMMINGS

Communication Director

Late spring signals Green Corn, a time when many Creeks active in stomp dances will take part in traditional scratching practices.

Across Creek Nation, stomp ground medicine men will administer the scratches — either with a claw, needle or sharp object — to mix herbal medicine into certain muscles on a person.

The purpose: to rid the body of its impurities and make a person less likely to be injured.

The practice is a long-standing tradition, but stomp

ground and tribal town leaders are being advised by health officials to be cautious in administering the scratches.

American Indians are not immune to the AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) epidemic and direct blood contact is one way to contract the deadly virus, health officials say.

"We're not telling stomp ground leaders to stop what they're doing; all we're asking is that they be aware," said Connie Cole, Community Health Counselor for the Indian Health Care Resource Center in Tulsa.

"It's something we never thought about before, but

it's something we better think about now."

AIDS is caused by a virus called HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) which attacks white blood cells, the cells that fight off infections.

Tribal leaders should gather those who perform ceremonies where blood mixing is possible and educate them about what precautions are necessary to avoid the spread of HIV, said Andrea Green Rush, information director for the National Native America AIDS Prevention Center in San Francisco.

"In dealing with people who believe so strongly in

See **WARNING** on Page 15.

Questions? Turn to us



TOMMY CUMMINGS
COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR

"The Seminoles are getting money from their settlement. I'm Creek-Seminole. How can I get in on this settlement?"

"I live out of state. Am I eligible for certain Creek Nation programs? And how do I find out about these programs?"

"Who would know the leaders of my community so I can take a more active role?"

These are but a few of the common questions asked by Creek citizens and certainly questions deserving of an answer. But where does the average Creek citizen turn for answers?

At the Muscogee Nation News, we'd like to help.

We understand that any government — or government agency — must depend on guidelines to function. Often, guidelines beget other guidelines and before you know it, we're smothered in a bureaucracy.

The MNN would like to help cut through the bureaucracy and offer help wherever possible.

Beginning in future issues, we'd like to help MNN readers with whatever problems they have in dealing with matters involving Creek Nation.

The National Council has a citizen's complaint form that must be filed with the Creek citizen's council representative. The Executive Branch of Creek government has an open door policy in dealing with citizens who have complaints.

Off the bat, we'd like to explain that the MNN can't act as an agent in your case; best the MNN can do is quote policy or find an alternative to your situation.

Here's how it works:

Submit workable inquiries in a concise form and the MNN will help find solutions. We'll consult with tribal managers or appropriate state or federal officials who can offer answers in a succinct form.

In some cases, Creek citizens may have the same inquiry and we'll attempt to answer all responsible inquiries. All inquiries and responses will be subject to editing for space reasons.

If you think this will help your case, don't hesitate to write or fax the Communication Department. Write: Creek Nation Communication Department, Inquiry Editor, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee OK 74447; or fax: 918-756-3340.

Maybe the few, the proud and the brave



PAT MORGAN
PRINCESS
COMMITTEE

For those who attended the 11th Creek Nation Princess Pageant April 28, they enjoyed an evening of pageantry.

Three young Creek ladies vied for the honor of being crowned Creek Nation Princess.

But the key word here is three.

These three young ladies are individuals that Creek Nation would be proud to have them represent the

third-largest tribe in Oklahoma. Yet being the third largest tribe in the state, the committee can't help but

wonder why Creek Nation doesn't have more representatives.

We would like to see more involvement.

Creek Nation has 18 chartered communities and as many tribal towns. We would like to have a contestant represent each community and tribal town in the future.

Perhaps they could select a young lady in their organization, or hold their own preliminary pageant leading up to the princess pageant.

The pageant is an extra effort by a few people who take the time and enjoy putting together something nice and festive for the Creek people to attend at no charge.

Creek people should make an effort to support this event with their attendance.

Remember the Creek Princess is *your* goodwill ambassador.

Letters to the editor

Not happy with Council decorum

Several members of our community attended the Feb. 24 meeting of the National Council at the Creek Nation Complex. During the council meeting, one of the council members invited Principal Chief Claude Cox to address the council. The chief had several subjects he wanted to cover and he talked for about 15 minutes. During his address, several council members left the meeting and did not return, which almost resulted in a loss of quorum.

Had two of the council members not returned, it is questionable whether further business could have been counted. Throughout the chief's address, several people in the audience constantly jeered and hooted for the chief to step down.

It is appalling to think the chief was not even afforded the courtesy ordinarily extended to a stranger. It is hard to understand how a forum conducted so loosely could ever conduct good sound business that is so necessary for the benefit of the Creek tribe.

It is the feeling of this community that the National Council member elected by the Council as its sergeant-

of-arms should exercise his right to tighten the controls, to ensure council members attendance of complete meetings and to evict people in the audience that are causing disturbances during the meetings.

Signed by 15 members of the Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association.

Reader wants missionary's message

I believe you forgot something with the new format of the Muscogee Nation News. I have always looked forward to the letter from the Revs. Ernest and Bennie Best. They bring words of encouragement and inspiration to those who read their letter each month. In Jesus Christ we gain new strength; we find hope, peace and joy. Their words are a blessing to young and old. Let's not remove an opportunity for our citizens to be encouraged, comforted and inspired to continue on despite obstacles. All things are possible through Jesus Christ.

Jeff Geren, Broken Arrow

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Corrections

The Muskogee bingo hall will employ approximately 50 persons. In the April issue of the Muscogee Nation News, it was incorrectly reported that 250 would be employed.

Tribe holds onto agribusiness operation

By JIM WOLFE
Muscogee Nation News Editor

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) National Council could not muster enough votes to override a bill that would have placed Natural Resource budget funds under an agribusiness supervisor.

The bill was passed at the March council meeting and in April was vetoed by Principal Chief Claude A. Cox.

The Council was five votes short on its override effort.

The bill would have placed nearly \$100,000 in an agribusiness account separate from the tribe's accounting system with current supervisor Stacy McIntosh managing the account.

The agribusiness operation has been without a manager since January. McIntosh has been administering to the day-to-day operations of the business.

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McIntosh District representative Tommy Pickering, the bill's author, contends the operation should be profitable.

Okmulgee representative Tom Berryhill told the Council tribal livestock are "assets on the hoof" and that the tribe should operate the agribusiness not for profit but for Creek survival.

Opponents of the measure claim the agribusiness has become a financial liability, draining tribal coffers of more than \$25,000 since August of 1989.

The Chief's veto message stated there are accounting problems and recommended the agribusiness cattle and equipment be sold at auction.

The agribusiness will continue operations as a tribal enterprise for at least another month.

Okmulgee District representative Harvey Gilroy is sponsoring a bill that would liquidate the assets while

his colleague Tony Hale desires to lease the operation. In other matters, the Council:

- authorized negotiations for the purchase of commercial property in Glenpool for community use;

- approved an appropriation of \$2,500 for the Euchee Mission Reunion scheduled June 15-16 at the tribal complex here;

- approved an amendment concerning insurance for tribal facilities in Wetumka, Weleetka, Ryal, Dewar, Wilson, Twin Hills and the Eufaula Indian Student Dormitory.

- approved supplemental funding for the tribe's burial assistance program;

- approved a bill calling for increasing the land base for Hanna's chartered Indian community;

- let stand a veto naming the tribe's delegation to the Inter-Tribal Council.

The Muscogee National Council's next regularly scheduled meeting is May 19. The meeting was scheduled a week early because of Memorial Day.

Glenpool center nearing reality for community

By JIM WOLFE
Muscogee Nation News Editor

GLENPOOL — The Glenpool Indian Community's hopes for a community center and smokeshop are nearing reality.

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council and Principal Chief Claude A. Cox approved legislation authorizing negotiations in purchasing acquiring 5.4 acres of commercial property.

The community has plans to use one of three existing buildings as a community center and another for a smokeshop, said Irene Van Buskirk, community chairwoman.

The property is located just north of U.S. 75 and 141st Street in Glenpool.

The 5.4-acre property offers numerous advantages to the community, Van Buskirk said.

"The property has immediate occupancy facilities," she said. "Our objective has been to acquire community facilities, develop a community organization and attempt to meet some desperate needs of the people in our community."

Without a center, community members have been meeting in various homes impeding efforts to organize, Van Buskirk said.

Also, the center will allow for easier commodity distribution. Van Buskirk said commodities for the community are being dispensed on 141st Street, the busiest street in Glenpool.

The Creek Nation delivers commodities to Glenpool at an Indian mission church approximately one mile south of U.S. 75 on 141st.

The Glenpool community had plans to purchase 17 acres and develop an industrial park but legislation for that acquisition was rejected by Chief Cox.

An amendment delaying Lincoln Plaza negotiations until a deal was struck for Glenpool was attached to the



Photo by Jim Wolfe

Principal Chief Claude A. Cox will begin negotiations soon to purchase this 5.4-acre tract in Glenpool for use by the Indian community. The property is located north of U.S. 75 and 141st Street in Glenpool.

Lincoln Plaza bill.

The move forced Cox to veto the bill he supported.

At the March Council session, a motion to reconsider the bill pre-empted any other legislative action on the bill until April.

Between the sessions, representative Larry Bible and other members of the Tulsa delegation, drafted legislation to acquire the commercial property.

In a compromise, the veto of the Lincoln Plaza bill was allowed to stand clearing the way for Glenpool bill.

This is the third attempt to acquire property for Glenpool. The first bill for property was passed in October 1988.

Before negotiations were completed, the Quick Trip Corp. paid cash for the site.

Van Buskirk said she still believes the 17-acre industrial park is a viable idea. But she admits it would have taken time to develop the project fully and pursue community objectives.

The community has been involved indirectly with a lawsuit filed against Cox for failure to comply with tribal ordinances filed by Greg Stidham, attorney for the Council. NCA 88-83, a bill authorizing the purchase of the first property, was one of the ordinances cited in the suit.

Van Buskirk said the community has asked not to be a part of the suit.

"(Community Board of Directors) met and then met

Hanna gets extra acreage

HANNA — The Hanna Indian Community will receive an additional five acres to construct a community center and develop other community projects with the passage of NCA 90-82.

A 1989 ordinance authorized five acres for the community. But Indian Health Service plans to use most of the original site to construct a lagoon and sewer system leaving less than an acre for the community to use.

The additional five acres is adjacent to the property and is tribally owned. It will not cost the tribe any money.

In addition to the center, the community intends to build softball parks. As of May 2, no date has been given for construction to begin.

with the community to get their insight. It was decided that we should focus our attention on our objective, to meet community needs and withdraw from the lawsuit."

Cox will negotiate a purchase agreement for the property and was provided \$25,000 as earnest money. Both the earnest money and purchase is contingent on tribal ordinance.

CHR program needs volunteer drivers

By TOMMY CUMMINGS
Communication Director

OKMULGEE — Muskogee (Creek) Nation's Community Health Representatives are looking for a few good volunteer drivers.

The drivers will be part of a pilot program that involves transporting Creek citizens to and from health care facilities.

In turn, the tribe will pay mileage and possibly a per diem to the drivers for their efforts.

No guidelines have been established. The program is seeking drivers with state-inspected late model vehicles that can transport persons in comfort.

"The key to making it successful is how many volunteers we can come up with," said Steve Landsberry,

manager of the tribe's CHR program.

"If I get 10, then that will get us the impetus with the planning stages."

Landsberry said he hopes the pilot project attracts the interest to garner Indian Health Service approval. IHS will consider the concept when contracts are renewed for the 1991 fiscal year, Landsberry said.

In the meantime, Landsberry is putting out a call for volunteers. Still to be resolved is the issue of liability, a question he said he hopes to have answered before he completes the pilot project.

Landsberry is banking on the idea that the volunteer driver program would allow more time for CHRs to concentrate on their duties, rather than spending time behind the wheel or sitting idly until their patient is seen.

"They'll be catering to the needs of the community

instead of being on the road all day long helping only a handful of people," he said.

Landsberry said the project also would be cost efficient. He said an internal study of the CHR program revealed the average transport time is 45 minutes in one direction.

Emphasis will be on patients with terminally-ill conditions or in need of dialysis who require consistent transportation. Landsberry said drivers would be screened carefully and certified to ensure they are dependable.

If proven to be successful, Landsberry said the project would be included into the CHR program budget.

Those interested in becoming drivers should contact Chicquita McNac at the Creek Nation CHR Office, 918-756-8700, Ext. 361.

In Brief

Creek toddler wins pageant



Lloyd Dawn

TULSA — Lloyd Dawn Brown, recently won honors in the 1990 Tulsa Baby Pageant. Lloyd, 2, won in her age group and placed third in beauty. She received two gold seal diplomas, one in beauty and one in health. Lloyd is the daughter of Jeanice and Floyd Brown.

Holdenville center elects chairman

HOLDENVILLE — Fred Lowe was elected 1990 chairman for the Holdenville Indian Community Center. Other officers elected: Patsy Harjo, secretary and treasurer; Rechinta Yomans, Raymond Buck, Margaret Marshall and Lowe, board members.

Oklahoma City group honors pair

OKLAHOMA CITY — Betty Proctor and Jennie Bear were honored by the Oklahoma City Creek Association at its monthly community meeting.

Flutist earns award at festival



Andrea Smith

SAND SPRINGS — Andrea Smith was named outstanding seventh grade flutist at the Sand Springs Band Festival. She received the honor after receiving a superior rating on her flute solo, Concerto in D by Boccherini. Andrea is a student at Cimarron Middle School in Edmond. Her parents are John and Grace Smith.

Ex-princess entertains Red Cross

SAPULPA — Creek Nation Princess Janita Screehowl entertained guests at the American Red Cross Homecoming Dinner with a flute solo. The dinner



Photo by Elliott Barnett

Creek Nation Head Start students pause during a break in the action at the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Okmulgee. The pre-schoolers searched around the Okmulgee Bingo Facility for the prize eggs.

was held in conjunction with the statewide "Homecoming '90" festivities. Other officials accompanying Screehowl were Creek Nation Second Chief Perry Beaver, Cherokee Nation Deputy Chief John Ketcher and Chickasaw representative Dean McManus.

Stamp club honors former chief

MUSKOGEE — The Muskogee Stamp Club's 16th annual show honored the sesquicentennial anniversary of the birth of Gen. Pleasant Porter, chief of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation from 1899 to 1907.

A special souvenir envelope was sold at the show. The cachet design shows Porter in formal headdress plus the Great Seal of the Creek Nation. A special Postal Cancellation also has been prepared in the area of each of the Five Civilized Tribes.

The cachet and postal cancellation were designed

by Nancy Weisser and Kathryn Lathim, members of the Muskogee club. The souvenir envelopes may be obtained by writing Kathryn Lathim, 418 S. 15th St., Muskogee 74401-7109, for \$1 per cover. A stamped, self-addressed No. 10 envelope should be provided with remittance for all mail orders.

Group to perform in Sapulpa

SAPULPA — Evans & Rhythm, a Creek-Yuchi music ministry group, will perform June 15 at Youth Explosion 90, a one-night concert/rally sponsored by H.G. Evans Ministries, Inc. The concert/rally is designed to get the youth off the streets.

The event will be in Sapulpa Stadium at 7:30 p.m. Evans & Rhythm composes, arranges and writes its own music and members can play about 15 different instruments.

Information: Call 918-224-5931.



Dancers perform at the Mason Powwow held last month in Mason. The event was held at Mason High School.

Photo by Elliot Barnett

Powwows

Muskogee, May 11-12

MUSKOGEE — Bacone College will be host to a spring powwow May 11-12 at the campus gymnasium. Dancing begins at 2 p.m. Dinner will be at 5 p.m.

Claremore, May 18-20

CLAREMORE — More than \$3,000 in contest money will be available May 18-20 at Rogers State College's ninth annual Claremore Powwow. The powwow is sponsored by the Rogers County Indian Association. An arts and crafts exhibition kicks off activities at 10 a.m., May 18. Other activities May 18: a gourd dance, grand entry, princess coronation and several junior division contests at 8 p.m. Activities May 19: a 2 p.m. downtown parade, two gourd dances and several women's contests.

Holdenville, May 6

HOLDENVILLE — Holdenville will be host to a competitive powwow May 6 at Stroup Park. Registration: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 6. Dancing begins at 1 p.m. In case of rain, competition will be held at the FFA Showbarn.

Ponca City, June 1-3

PONCA CITY — Prize money totalling \$9,600 will be available at the first annual Narconon-Chilocco Powwow June 1-3. The powwow will be at the Narconon-Chilocco New Life Center, 23 miles north of here on Oklahoma 177 highway. Powwow dancers can compete in eight divisions. Dance competition registration begins June 1 and concludes June 2 at 4 p.m. All contestants must register to compete. Contestants must parade in Saturday evening with numbers. Gourd dancing will be 6 p.m. Friday. Campers are welcome. Jim Kemble, a Ponca-Creek, will serve as head war/dance singer.

Nowata, May 12

NOWATA — The Nowata Indian Activities Committee will host the first annual Nowata Intertribal Powwow 2 p.m. May 12 at the high school track field. Co-host will be the Osage Gourd Clan. Gourd dancing begins at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. with a grand entry scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Round dances, war dances, two step and other dances begin at 8 p.m. Supper is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. Booth space is available for \$10. Contact: Sue Lowe at 918-273-3800 or 918-467-3370, Raymond Cline at 918-273-3821 or Ramona Sprague at 918-273-2632.

Lawrence, Kan., May 4-6

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Haskell Indian Junior College will be host to its annual spring powwow May 4-6. The powwow is held in conjunction with graduation commencement at the two-year college. Edward Parisian, deputy to the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, will be keynote speaker at commencement exercises. Grand entry for the powwow will be 7 p.m. May 4 on the Powwow Grounds. Grand entries also are scheduled for 1 p.m. May 5-6. Admission: \$7 for a general public three-day pass, \$3 for a general public daily day, \$5 for senior citizen three-day pass and \$2 for senior citizen daily pass. There will be 10 categories for contest dancers. Contest registration opens 4 p.m., May 4 and closes 5 p.m. May 5. Information: Barbara Cunningham 913-749-8445.

Las Vegas, Nev., May 18-20

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — American Indian dancers will be competing for \$13,000 in prize money at the Snow Mountain Powwow here May 18-20. The event is hosted by the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe. Gourd dancing will be May 19-20 and a drum contest is scheduled. Contact: Jeanneett Mahone at 702-386-4882 or Aletha Drye at 702-386-3926.

Reunions

Euchi Mission alumni return on June 15-16

OKMULGEE -- The Euchee Mission Reunion will be June 15-16 at the Creek Nation Complex here.

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council appropriated \$2,500 for the reunion at its April meeting.

All alumni are invited to return and meet old friends, said organizer Bill Moody.

Registration: June 15. An informal banquet is scheduled at 7 p.m. June 16.

Information: Contact Moody at 918-367-3911 or write Reunion, Route 3, Box 387, Bristow, OK, 74010.

Wacoche family

EUFAULA — The fourth annual Wacoche family reunion will be 10 a.m. May 26 at Mill Creek Recreational Park near Tuskegee Baptist Church, west of Eufaula. Descendants, relatives and friends of Alex Wacoche are invited. Bring lawn chairs, photos and a covered dish. Activities: swimming, softball, volleyball and other games. Information: Call Jean Wacoche Berryhill at 918-756-8619 or Flora Jackson at 918-758-0654.

Coker-Hale families

EUFAULA — The Coker-Hale reunion will be June 9 at Gentry Creek State Park near Lake Eufaula. All relatives and friends of the late Gibson and Emma Coker and the late Jasper and Maggie Hale are invited to attend. Activities: Horseshoe throw and volleyball games. All events start at 11 a.m. with lunch at noon. Bring a covered dish. Information: Call 918-446-6753.

Jones Academy

HARTSHORNE — Jones Academy Indian Boarding School will host its annual reunion May 26-27. Reunion guests can spend the night in the campus dormitory or camp out at the lake area at no cost. Kenneth Scott, former student and current employee at the Talihina Indian Hospital, will be keynote speaker at a banquet 5:30 p.m. May 26 in the school cafeteria. Reunion awards will be given at that time. Other activities: men's and women's fastpitch softball tournaments; all-Indian rodeo May 25-26. Sunday morning worship will be held in the campus gym at 9 a.m. May 27.

McIntosh-King-Johnson families

BRAGGS — The families of Ella Scott Taylor Hicks McIntosh, Edith Scott Deere King and Yana Scott Johnson are planning a family reunion June 17 at Greenleaf State Park. Information: 918-485-4327 or 918-366-3695.

Smith family

DUSTIN — The eighth annual Smith Family Reunion is scheduled May 26 at Middle Creek Church, south of here on Lamar Road. Information: 918-656-3303 or 918-696-4201.

For inclusion, write: Reunions, Creek Nation Communications, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Creek youth prepares for National Bee

By ELLIOT BARNETT
Communication Specialist

PRESTON — Teddy Waller, who comes across as a quiet and soft-spoken student, admitted he didn't have a complicated strategy in finishing second in the Oklahoma Citizen Bee.

"I just studied hard and prepared myself," Waller said.

Waller, a Creek citizen and senior at Preston High School, was as prepared as any of the 4,000 students who participated in the statewide competition.

He was among 48 who competed in the Citizen Bee state finals in Norman in April. Only Jay Marshall of Enid High School finished ahead of Waller, who now qualifies for nationals June 16-21 in Washington, D.C.

In preliminaries, Waller finished first in local and regional competition.

Contestants were asked questions, both written and oral, in the areas of government, history, economics, geography, current events and culture.

"Not many people know government and history as well as Teddy," said Jim Waller, principal at Preston Schools. "He has really become accomplished in both. The credit all belongs to Teddy."

Teddy Waller will be in Washington on an expenses-paid trip from the Close Up Foundation to match wits with other top students from across the country. Top prize at nationals is a \$7,000 scholarship.

However he fares, Waller has won admirers.

"I have never known a student who has done more with his abilities than Teddy has," said Principal Waller. "He has really developed his abilities through hard work and good student habits."

The fourth annual Oklahoma Citizen Bee attracted 4,000 students from 254 schools. More than 900 students competed in 16 regional meets in March and early April.

Oklahoma ranks among the top three states in Citizen Bee participation.

Citizen Bees have several local, state and national sponsors.



Photo by Elliot Barnett

Teddy Waller studies for the National Citizen Bee.

In Brief

Tulsa group plans 5-day run

TULSA — The Red Deer Society, which will travel to South Dakota in June to participate in a 500-mile, five-day relay run around the Black Hills, is organizing fund-raising activities for its trip.

Runners will run 125 miles in each of the four directions and travel through four states. The Red Deer Society began in 1987 as an attempt to introduce Indian youth to the positive benefits of running. Creek members of this group: Mekko Tyner, Joe Willie Tyner, Joni Sulphur, Kelly Sulphur, Matthew Sulphur, Kogee Morgan, Amethyst Voice, Cherrah Ridge, Angela Jake, Andrea Jake, Amanda Jake, Jesse Jake, Yonah McKinney, Egaese McKinney, Milton Denny and Miltona Denny. Information: Call 918-838-2489 or write, Red Deer Society, 296 S. 118 E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74128-2225.

Creek youth 3rd in poster contest

SHAWNEE — Russell Wind, first grader at Liberty Academy, placed third in a Law Day poster contest. Wind, 7, won a \$25 cash prize from the sponsoring Pottawatomie County Bar Association. Wind's parents are Allen and Susie Wind.

Okmulgee sisters have birthdays

OKMULGEE — Heather "Pepper" Roanhorse and Rachel Ann Roanhorse, the daughters of Gino and Shelly Roanhorse, celebrated birthdays in March. Heather was 5 on March 7 and Rachel 7 on March 31. Heather is a student at Creek Nation Headstart and Rachel is a student at Eastside Elementary in Okmulgee.

Bacone College alumni to meet

MUSKOGEE — Bacone College General Alumni Association will host its annual alumni reunion the weekend of commencement, May 18-20.

Looking for a summer job?

There's several choices for youth around Creek Nation

By ANITA FREEMAN
Administrative Assistant

LaDonna Tecumseh is like thousands of students who will be out looking for summer employment, earning money for summer activities and spending at the mall.

Last year, Tecumseh worked on the Creek Nation Summer Youth Program with the Bixby Police Department.

This year she knows more about going out and looking for employment. At her job last summer she learned first hand what it was like working in public service.

"I was nervous at first because I didn't what to expect in that situation," she said. "But then I really liked working there and with the people at city hall."

"They want me to come back and work next year."

Also, summer youth participants spend four to five days at camp, going through orientation on what is expected of someone who is looking for employment.

As the school year draw to an end, many students will be out trying to locate a place of employment for summer months.

Here are several locations that could help youth in their quest for a summer job.

—Creek Nation JTPA program will be assisting 239 youth ages 14 through 21 (with priority given to 16 and

older) within the Creek Nation boundaries. The JTPA will be locating jobs from non-profit agencies.

— Also EPIC (Eastern Private Industry Council) located in Okmulgee will be assisting 130 to 150 youth throughout the city and surrounding areas, including Preston, Dewar, Schuler, Wilson, Beggs, Morris, Nuyaka and Henryetta.

Director Kenneth LeBlanc said more youth participation is needed in the Henryetta area. Youth can make applications at Henryetta City Hall, or come by the EPIC Office Fifth and Grand streets in Okmulgee. Applicants should bring their driver's license, birth certificate, social security card and meet income guidelines. Summer jobs will last eight weeks and participants will be paid \$3.80 an hour.

— The Private Industry Training Council in Tulsa will be assisting more than 4,000 youth in summer employment, said spokesman Dennis Whittaker. A variety of jobs are available in retail, recreation, department stores, offices, theaters, super markets and landscaping. They are targeting the 16 to 21 age group.

Applications can be picked up at any Tulsa area Quick Trip Store, or at the Private Industry Training Council office at 537 E. 36th St. North or at the satellite office at Lemley Vo Tech, 3420 S. Memorial, Building E room 12. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Indian Affairs official to address state economic development

OKLAHOMA CITY — Dr. Eddie Brown, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs for the Department of Interior, will address the third annual Oklahoma Indian Economic Development Conference May 14-15.

Brown and members of his staff will conduct a field hearing on the second day of the conference, which will be held at the Marriott Hotel.

The purpose of the meeting would be to highlight successful Indian economic development efforts, Brown said. Also, through consultation with tribal chiefs, governors, presidents and chairpersons, to meeting will define the role for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the development of Indian community economies, Brown said.

In Brief

Students: Grant deadline nears

OKMULGEE — Creek students should be aware of deadline dates for applications and renewals for higher education scholarships and tribal grants, according to the Creek Nation Office of Higher Education.

Fall semester deadlines are June 1 and June 15; spring semester deadlines are Nov. 1 and Nov. 15.

Students with inquiries are urged to come by the Office of Higher Education at the Creek Nation Tribal Complex' Mound Building.



Cheslee



Olivia

Eufaula pair at top of the class

EUFAULA -- Cheslee Holuby and Olivia McIntosh were named co-valedictorians at Houston Homan Junior High School.

Holuby, the daughter of George and Paige Holuby of Eufaula, has been an Oklahoma Honor Society member for three years and on the Superintendent's Honor Roll for three years.

McIntosh, the daughter of Dr. Stanley and Vicki McIntosh of Eufaula, also has been an Oklahoma Honor Society member and on the Superintendent's Honor Roll for three years. She is the president of her freshman class.

Okemah freshman gains honors



Matt Henneha

of the school play this year. He is the son of Wiley and Valeria Littlecreek of Okemah.

Grad center seeks applicants

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The American Indian Graduate Center is seeking qualified American Indian graduate students to apply for fellowship grant aid for the 1990-91 year. Deadline to submit an application: June 1. Eligible Indian graduate students or college seniors planning on graduate school in 1990-91 should contact the center at: 4520 Montgomery Blvd. NE, Suite 1-B, Albuquerque, N.M., or call 505-881-4584.

Student to attend Riverside college



Ramsey

Christian Seventh-Day Adventist high school, Tecumseh served as an officer on the student body council. He also worked on the yearbook, the school newspaper and was active in sports, serving as a class basketball coach. He worked during the summer and school year while remaining on the Dean's Honor Roll with a grade point average of 3.7 (out of 4.0). Ramsey is the son of Willis John Tecumseh of Okmulgee and Lynda Battle Tecumseh of Mesa.

Creek to get degree at CSU



Shelia Jackson

ion Jackson of Moore.

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. -

Ramsey Louis Tecumseh, a senior at Thunderbird Adventist Academy here, will attend Loma Linda University in Riverside, Calif., upon graduation May 27. Tecumseh will major in business management and minor in political science at Loma Linda. At Thunderbird Adventist, a boarding

Christian Seventh-Day Adventist high school, Tecumseh served as an officer on the student body council. He also worked on the yearbook, the school newspaper and was active in sports, serving as a class basketball coach. He worked during the summer and school year while remaining on the Dean's Honor Roll with a grade point average of 3.7 (out of 4.0). Ramsey is the son of Willis John Tecumseh of Okmulgee and Lynda Battle Tecumseh of Mesa.

EDMOND — Shelia Jo Jackson will receive her bachelor of science degree in biology during Central State University's commencement exercises May 11. Jackson, a full-blood Creek, will be continuing her education and entering into the medical field. Jackson is the daughter of Samar-

Henryetta man earns OST degree

OKMULGEE — Wallace Gambler Jr., of Henryetta, earned an associate degree in Applied Science, Auto Parts Management, at Oklahoma State University Technical Branch. Gambler plans a career in the auto parts management field.

Creek OU grad plans health career



Debra Factor
Berkeley.

NORMAN — Debra K. Factor-Isham graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in business administration. Her plans are to continue her education at a graduate level in hopes of earning a master's in Public Health with emphasis on Indian health care at the University of California at

Choctaw named to national panel

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Wilma J. Robinson, director of tribal development for Choctaw Nation, was named to the 15-member Indian Nations At Risk Task Force. The task force advises and makes recommendations to the U.S. Secretary of Education and to other officials on the condition of education of Indians in the United States.

40 Creeks on Indian Honor Society's rolls

NORMAN — Forty Creek students were among 400 initiated into the Oklahoma Indian Honor Society on the University of Oklahoma campus. The students were honored at a banquet sponsored by the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education. All students were initiated into the honor society by taking the pledge and were presented with an eagle pin and certificate of achievement.

Creek honorees included:

John Beaver, Muskogee High School; James Benefield, Tonkawa HS; Joseph Blanchard, Shawnee HS; Norman Bradsher, Madill HS; Lisa Bradsher, Madill HS; Beverly Bustamante, Lawton HS; Maryde Conner, Tahlequah HS; Elaine Coplin, Seminole HS; Yolanda Condulle, McCloud HS; Jennifer Davis, Bristow HS.

Jackie Denton, Liberty HS; Natasha Dockery, Bowlegs HS; Scott Factor, Oklahoma State University; Heidi Freeman, Bristow HS; Sherry Goines, Seminole Junior College; David Gouge, Rose State College; Patrick Gregory, Shawnee HS; Heather Grimes, Wagoner HS; Matt Henneha, Okemah HS; Ella Hicks, Graham HS.

Laurie Hicks, Graham HS; Bryan Holleyman, Wynona HS; Cheslee Holuby, Eufaula HS; Sharon Jones, Bowlegs HS; Diane Lemons, Oklahoma City University; K.J. Little, Hilldale HS; Terra Long, Northwest HS; Oklahoma City; Timothy Long, Oklahoma City University; Charles McCarty, Oklahoma City University; Olivia McIntosh, Eufaula HS.

Andrea Moorehead, Seminole Junior College; Malinda Noon, Seminole Junior College; Linda Ogle, Central State University; Kelly Seaton, Seminole HS; Tammy Sewell, Bowlegs HS; Timothy Tiger, Oklahoma State University; Kadesha Tinsley, Tahlequah HS; Leonard Waggoner, Rose State College; Michelle Wallace, Liberty HS; and Josh Yargee, Little Axe HS.

7 Creeks get fellowship grants

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Seven Creek Indians are among 301 recipients of fellowships awarded by the American Indian Graduate Center. Of that total, 193 are pursuing masters degrees, 153 are doctoral students and nine are working on graduate-level certificates. Fellowships were awarded to 170 female and 131 male students. Creek students include:

— Lyn F. Benavidez, seeking a law degree at the University of Wisconsin;

— Carolyn S. Bigpond, MA in education, University of New Mexico;

— Kessler Bigpond, certificate in education administration, University of New Mexico;

— John H. Hunter, MA in architecture, Harvard University;

— David L. Loader, DO in osteopathic medicine, Kirksville (Mo.) College;

— Tabatha L. LeVeau, certificate in education, San Jose (Calif.) State College; and,

— Victor L. Richardson, MA in religious studies, Oral Roberts University.

Legislative Overview

How They Voted					
	NCA 90-09: To consider veto the bill authorizing negotiations for purchase of Lincoln Plaza Hotel Complex. Veto stands, 26 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.	NCA 90-19: To consider veto of a bill clarifying policy for Inter-Tribal relations. Veto stands, 14 yes, 12 no, 0 abstentions.	NCA 90-26: To consider veto of a bill authorizing management of the Natural Resources budget for Creek Nation Agribusiness operation. Override failed, 15 yes, 9 no, 3 abstentions.	NCA-90-37: Supplemental funding to the tribal burial assistance program. Approved, 26 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.	NCA 90-38: To consider veto of a bill authorizing management of the Natural Resources budget for Creek Nation Agribusiness operation. Override failed, 15 yes, 9 no, 3 abstentions.
George Almerigi, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Richard Berryhill, Wagoner	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Larry Bible, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Eugene Birdcreek, Okfuskee	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Johnson Buck, Hughes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	
Robert Buck, Hughes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Mose Cahwee, Creek	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Ken Childers, Tulsa	Did not vote	Did not vote	Yes	Did not vote	
Helen Chupco, Muskogee	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Clarence Cloud, Creek	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Helen Duncan, Wagoner	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Bill Fife, Okfuskee	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Ed Frye, Creek	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Tony Hale, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Mae Jackson, Okfuskee	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Clyde Johnson, Okfuskee	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Frank Kamp, McIntosh	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Charlie Litsey, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	
Harley Little, Muskogee	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Tommy Newton, McIntosh	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Tom Pickering, McIntosh	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Donna Rhodes, Tulsa	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Earl Wheeler, Creek	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	
Jerry Wilson, Tulsa	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Thomas Yahola, Hughes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	

Rehabilitation a family affair, counselor says

By TOMMY CUMMINGS
Communications Director

OKEMAH — Indians confronting alcohol and substance abuse problems put up a front and tend to be less open to others.

They hide their predicament.

They don't express the hurt or anger in words to outsiders, but instead keep their feelings bottled up inside of them.

Those are the conclusions drawn by Negiel Bigpond, who recently wrapped up his first year as counselor/coordinator of the Creek Nation Community Hospital's Human Services and Substance Abuse Program.

Communication opens the door to the healing process, Bigpond said.

"Indian people have a strong wall. They're good at hiding things," he said. "I suspected it, first with myself, then as I worked with Indian people.

"You hear about (certain alcohol and substance abuse problems) with black and white people, but not Indians. They tend to not let it out."

Those tendencies compound Bigpond's work as counselor. When Bigpond worked as a counselor at Wetumka Community Hospital, those traits were not as evident. Mostly, he worked with non-Indian families who were more open about their problems.

The 5-year-old Creek Nation program Bigpond coordinates accepts referrals from state and federal agencies. Bigpond counsels and then can refer clients on to other programs, such as detoxification centers.

The program operates on a \$67,000 budget, which Bigpond said isn't enough to reach out to all the Indian families in need. Bigpond is optimistic other sources of funding will be found as the program expands its scope to deal with counseling families and individuals suffering from other behavioral disorders.

At this point, the Creek Nation program has seven families in counseling sessions conducted weekly by Bigpond. Three families are working at correcting their problem; the others are in a state of denial, he said.

But just getting the family together for this counsel-



Photo by Tommy Cummings

Negiel Bigpond, at the doorway of his counseling center in Okemah: "Once we win a family's trust, they're able to be more honest about their feelings."

ing is a step, he said.

"Before, you'd counsel a child or person, he or she would go home, tell the family and they wouldn't listen," he said. "We seem to have better results with our family counseling."

At these meetings, Bigpond said he tries to work with individuals and families to open up and express their feelings. Family members often have pent up emotions, especially unforgiveness.

To open lines up communication, Bigpond himself coordinates family outings that break up the monotony.

Instead of the usual cycle of coming home from work, eating, watching TV and going to bed, other gatherings — like picnics or trips to the lake — are encouraged.

He said families in need of counseling aren't just lower working class. Many of those seeking his help come from middle class, with a broad age spectrum, he said.

In the coming years, Bigpond said he'd like to see more participation from the youth on a more regular basis. Increased funding will allow his program to

touch more people, he said.

Indian Health Service and the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health already have funds available earmarked for behavioral disorders.

Expanding counseling efforts to treat other disorders would require funds for counseling for a wide variety of mental health problems.

The Creek Nation's program will be redesigned to include that type of counseling, Bigpond said.

Ernestine Boatman, Community Social Worker in the Creek Nation program, said the Substance Abuse Program has improved the last four years.

"Before we had no contacts," she said. "It seemed like everything was backward. It was like no one wanted to get involved.

"And a lot of people didn't want to admit they were alcoholic or were a drug addict."

But the program's relocation from the new clinic to its offices north of the Creek Nation Community Hospital has helped, Boatman said. Patients no longer have to wait with other hospital patients.

"It's a better environment with better confidentiality," she said.

In Brief

State lauds car seat program here

Creek Nation's Car Seat Program was awarded a certificate of appreciation by the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

Christine Burgess, who works with the program at the Okemah Indian Health Clinic, received an invitation to attend the National Indian Life Savers Conference. Burgess accepted the certification of appreciation in early March in Oklahoma City.

Toddler seats still are available. If any infants

seats are still out they may be exchanged for a toddler size.

For information on the car seats, contact Burgess at the Okemah Clinic or the Community Health Representative office at the Creek Nation Tribal Complex in Okmulgee.

CHR: Examine earache symptoms

Children suffering from earache symptoms should see a doctor for early diagnosis, according to the Creek Nation Division of Community Services.

Teresa Ables of the Community Health Representative Office said some children with earache symptoms may be suffering from otitis media, an ear infec-

tion that can cause fever, headache and loss of appetite. Pre-school children are more apt to contract the earache symptoms.

Ables said the CHR program temporarily will be unable to administer screening to detect the ear infection. She urges those suffering earache symptoms to visit their nearest physician or Indian health service facility.

Al-Anon meetings on Monday

OKMULGEE — Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon meetings are offered Mondays at 8 p.m. at the Vietnam Veterans Smoke Shop in the old Oakdale School on U.S. 75, south of town.

We need your church news

What's news in your church?

The Muscogee Nation News wants to know what's going on in your church. This information will be used to monthly produce a page filled with church-related news in the MNN.

The MNN staff has compiled a list of Baptist, Methodist and independent churches within Creek Nation boundaries. If you see your church on the list, please contact the MNN either by phone, mail or fax and help us compile a source list for Creek churches. If you don't see your church, contact the MNN anyway so your church can be added to the list.

Every month, our goal will be to contact each church's contact person and list scheduled activities. Events can range from revivals, singings, special services, etc.

Return the following coupon or call the Muscogee Nation News at 918-756-8700, Ext. 312, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Church list

Alabama Baptist Church
Arbeka Baptist Church
Artusee Baptist Church
Bemo Baptist Church
Big Arbor Baptist Church
Big Cussetah Methodist Church
Bowen Indian Baptist Church
Broken Arrow Methodist Church
Butler Baptist Church
Cedar Creek Baptist Church
Cedar Creek Baptist Church of Coweta
Cedar River Baptist Church
Choska Methodist
Concharty Methodist Church
Creek Chapel Methodist Church
Davis Chapel Methodist
Deep Fork Hillabee Baptist
Fife Memorial Methodist Church
First United Methodist Church
Grant Methodist Chapel
Grave Creek Baptist
Greenleaf Baptist Church
Haikey Creek Methodist Church
Hickory Ground Baptist Church No. 1
Hickory Ground Baptist Church No. 2
High Spring Baptist Church
Hillabee Indian Baptist Church
Honey Creek Methodist Church
Hutchacuppa Baptist Church
Little Coweta Baptist Church
Little Cussetah Methodist Church
Little Quarsarty Baptist Church
Living Word Fellowship Ministry
Many Springs Baptist
Middle Creek No. 1 Baptist Church
Middle Creek No. 2 Baptist Church
Montezuma Baptist Church
Morning Star Ministries Inc.
Muscogee, Seminole and Wichita Association
Muttloke Methodist Church
Newtown Methodist Church



New Arbor Baptist Church
Northeast District Center (Methodist)
Nuyaka Indian Baptist Church
Oakhurst Baptist Church
Okfuskee Baptist Church
Okmulgee Fundamental Indian Baptist Church
Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church
Peach Grove Independent Methodist
Pecan Grove Independent Methodist
Randall Baptist Mission
Salt Creek Methodist
Sand Creek Baptist Church
Silver Springs Baptist Church
Snake Creek Baptist Church
Spring Field Methodist Church
Springtown Methodist Church
Tallahassee Independent Methodist Church
Thewhale Baptist Church
Tholophlocco Methodist Church
Tookparfka Baptist
Trenton Baptist Church
Tuckabatchee Independent Methodist
Tuskegee Baptist Church
Weogufkee Baptist Church
Wekiwa Baptist Church
West Eufaula Baptist Church
Wetumka Baptist Church
Wewoka Indian Baptist Church
Yardeka Baptist Church
Yeager Methodist Church

Send this back, please

Any church representative can complete and return by mail to the Muscogee Nation News, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee OK 74447.

Church Name

Address

Contact person

Phone (work/home)

Battle of clans to be June 2 at Salt Creek

By TOMMY CUMMINGS
Communications Director

Raccoons, tigers, bears, wolves or whatever need to sharpen their claws by June 2, the day Salt Creek United Methodist Church near Holdenville will host its "Clan Fun Day."

The fun day will feature games and activities for tribal members who identify with various clans beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing until 3 p.m.

Some activities include rope pulling contests, wheelbarrow races, 3-legged races, bow shooting for the young and other contests for older participants.

The Rev. Harry Long, organizer of the event, said he expects as many as 500 for the gathering. He helped organize a similar fun day more than 20 years ago at Salt Creek.

"It's a way people can get together, identify their clans and which tribal towns they belong to," Long said. "We're hoping people take names and addresses and keep track of their clans."

"A lot of children grow up not knowing what clan they belong to."

If participants aren't sure what clan they belong to, elders will be around to help them identify, Long said. If a clan still isn't identified, special honorary titles will be given.

No entry fees or cash prizes will be involved.

Fred Long, a church member from Oklahoma City, said the event is billed as strictly a fun day but he expects competition from some.

"Clans are ... you know, kind of clanish, so we should have some people out there who will really be into it," Long said.

Salt Creek Methodist Church is located in rural Hughes County, eight miles west of Wetumka on Oklahoma 9 highway then two miles south.

In Brief

Butler Creek revival May 16-20

OKTAHA — Butler Creek Baptist Church will be host to a revival May 16-20 with morning worship service the final day. Featured evangelist will be the Rev. Tom Phillips of Braggs. A gospel singing also is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. May 5 Master of ceremonies will be Darryle (Spooky) Wesley. The church invites all singers and gospel groups. Butler Creek Baptist is located off old U.S. 69 highway, south of Muskogee.

Middle Creek celebrates 122nd

DUSTIN — Middle Creek Baptist Church will celebrate its 122nd anniversary with a service and dinner May 13. Men will serve breakfast to the women. Service begins at 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. Middle Creek Baptist pastors are the Rev. Johnson Roberts and his assistant Jim Wesley.

Nuyaka Baptist host singing June

NUYAKA — Nuyaka Indian Baptist Church will be host to a gospel singing at 7:30 p.m. June 2.

Missionary Best spreads message on the road

By TOMMY CUMMINGS
Communication Director

DEERES CHAPEL — When the Rev. Ernest Best climbs into either one of his 1983 or 1984 pickups and heads for a revival, he pays no mind to the odometers.

One reads 136,000 miles; the other 138,000. To the average driver, more than a quarter of a million highway miles in a seven-year span seems incomprehensible.

But to Best — a former truck driver turned Baptist missionary — the long hours on the road have been worth it. Best is in his eighth year as a missionary.

"I've been just about everywhere, from coast to coast, north and south and Canada. And I've loved every minute of it," Best said.

Best's odometers only gauge his traveling distance as a driver. He frequently travels by plane when Bennie, his wife of 35 years, doesn't go with him.

Best will be hitting the road for the next month, traveling to Indian reservations across the country to spread his message. In mid-May, he'll be at a conference at the Alabama-Coushatta Reservation in east Texas. In late-May, he'll be at a Sioux reservation in South Dakota.

In August, he'll be part of a crusade in Winnipeg.

And when he's not on the road, he's spreading his message via newsletter. He monthly produces the typewritten newsletter and sends it to individuals and publications.

Best, a Creek-Choctaw, said he became a missionary because he felt there was a need. He said churches often complained that there were very few Indian missionaries or evangelists.

At church conferences, he met with other missionaries and in 1982 decided that missionary work was his calling.

At the time, he was pastor of Little Coweta Baptist Church near Eufaula. His family had a steeped tradition at Little Coweta, but he decided he best served as a missionary.

"I haven't regretted the decision," Best said.

His wife Bennie hasn't regretted it either, though at first she admitted she had no idea how much of their lives missionary work would consume.

"It's really been much bigger than I imagined — it's a full-time thing for us," she said. "We come into contact with a lot of people so it's been educational."

In his travels, Best said he has delivered his messages to hundreds of Indians who have not been exposed to Christianity.

One instance Best recalls in particular involves his message to a tribe of Piute Indians on the Walker River Reservation in Nevada in 1983.

"They had never really heard any pure gospel before," he said. "One lady, about 60 years old, told me it was the first time she had heard of Christianity."

Best said 24 members of the tribe asked to be baptized.

Working with reservation Indians has opened his



Photo by Tommy Cummings

The Rev. Ernest Best proofreads one of his monthly newsletters he sends out as part of his missionary. Best has been a missionary since 1982 and has traveled from coast to coast to deliver his message.

Newsletter address

The Rev. Ernest Best's monthly newsletter is available by writing Ernest Best, P.O. Box 31, Eufaula, OK 74432 or by calling 918-689-7880.

eyes about their plight with poverty, alcoholism and low self-esteem, he said.

"I know Indians in Oklahoma think they're poor, but to see how they're struggling on the reservations really hits you," he said.

"My heart goes out to for Indians on the reservations."

Preaching to reservation Indians usually requires a more concise message because their attention span isn't very long, Best said.

"Here, no one says anything if you've preached an hour or so," he said. "There, you preach that long and they start walking out on you. You have to shorten and simplify. And once they become Christians, then you can preach with some depth."

Best and his wife usually work as a team when they travel together. They often travel in a mobile trailer where they don't have to stay in so many motels and most importantly, so they don't impose on families receiving their message.

In some cases, she teaches Bible study on the afternoons Best preaches or during Vacation Bible

School sessions.

Best said the world never can use enough Bible teaching.

"There needs to be more understanding of the Bible," he said.

Reservation Indians also are being taught more of their culture and religion through schools, Best said. Consequently, that means fewer come to church, which bothers Best.

"It helps when they show up with their family because that's where Christianity begins — in a Christian home," he said.

Best also said he'd like to see more bilingual sermons. He said many youngsters don't hear a message because they haven't been taught to speak Creek.

"I understand Creek, but I don't preach in it," he said. "I think a lot of kids catch the drift, but they don't hear the whole message."

"I'd like to see more kids involved. You're seeing a tapering off of youth involvement in the church."

Baptist missionaries outside of Southern Baptist affiliation must depend on contributions from local churches.

Best travels the country strictly on contributions from his home church at Little Coweta.

He also gets donations from Hillabee Indian Baptist Church and the Lac du Flambeau Indian Baptist, a church on a Chippewa reservation in Wisconsin.

"That's my means of staying on the road," he said.

In Brief

Methodists plan Country Fair

PRESTON — The second annual Country Fair sponsored by the Northeast District United Method-

ist Women will be May 19 at the Northeast District Center near Preston. Arts and crafts, baked goods, food, plants and rummage will be available.

Yeager schedules annual singing

YEAGER — Yeager Mission Church's annual singing will be May 12, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Singing

groups are welcome and concessions are available.

Sapulpa group in concert June 15

SAPULPA — Evans & Rhythm, a Creek-Yuchi music ministry group, will perform June 15 at Youth Explosion 90, a one-night concert/rally.

Pansy Watts

HENRYETTA — Pansy Watts, 73, of Henryetta died April 2. Funeral services were April 7. Burial was at the Scott Family Cemetery south of Henryetta. Mrs. Watts, born Nov. 22, 1916 in Weleetka, was a member of the Thawalee Indian Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband Wess Watts Aug. 12, 1978. Survivors: one son, Clyde Watts of Checotah; two daughters, Marilyn Sabine, Garner Valley, Calif., and Virginia Ryan of Chino, Calif.; one brother, Claude Tiger of Weleetka; three sisters, Elizabeth Thomas of Wichita, Kan., Lucy Brown of Weleetka and Louise Smith of Wichita; eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Mrs. Robbin Shellea Emerson

CHECOTAH — Mrs. Robbin Shellea Emerson, 34, of Checotah died April 6 at Muskogee Regional Medical Center. Services were April 6 at the First Baptist Church in Checotah with the Rev. Elbert Smith and the Rev. Richard Ford officiating. Burial was in the Greenlawn Cemetery. Mrs. Emerson was born June 7, 1955, in Muskogee to Dan and Keitha (Sneed) Childers. She was a sixth grade science teacher for the Checotah Public School System, teacher of the year in 1989, sixth grade girls basketball coach, a member of the Checotah First Baptist Church and the American Legion Auxiliary. Survivors: her husband Jay Emerson of the home; two sons, Josh and Jeremy Emerson of the home; one daughter, Jamie Emerson, of the home; her parents, Dan and Keitha Childers of Checotah; one sister, Dana Minnick of Checotah; and her grandmother Opal Sneed of Checotah. Pallbearers: Randy Knight, Windsor Llewellyn, Jim Cannon, Lee Stidham, Wayne Williams and Lee Marshall.

Claude 'Blue' Childers

MODESTO, Calif. — Claude "Blue" Childers, 69, died March 19 in Modesto, Calif. Services were held at the Salas Brothers Funeral Chapel in Modesto. Childers was born April 29, 1920, to Sauce and Dora Childers. Survivors: his wife, Dorothy F. Childers of Ceres, Calif.; two sons, Marchie Joe of Arkansas and James of Modesto; four step-children, Becky Bailey and Donna McDonald of Ceres, Ray Heathcock of Modesto and Larry Heathcock of Phoenix, Ariz.; three brothers, Newman Childers of Tulsa, Dan Childers and Buddy Childers of Checotah; six sisters, Melvina Brough of Tulsa, Elizabeth Jacobs of Checotah, Rachel Kissey of Muskogee, Sarah McClain of Bixby, Bobbie Thames of Okmulgee and Emma Lee Stanley of Parker, Ariz.; one aunt, Sue Harper of Checotah; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-children.

Lena Francis

EUFULA — Lena Francis, 69, died April 20, at Okemah Creek Community Hospital. Services were held in the Artussee Indian Baptist Church April 23 with the Rev. Bunny Soweka and the Rev. Ammos Bean officiating. Song service was held April 22 at the church. Burial was in the Artussee Cemetery. Francis was born Dec. 15, 1920, in McIntosh County to Billy and Martha (Jones) Billy. She was a homemaker, a member of Artussee Baptist and lived in the area most of her life. She was preceded in death by her husband Billy Francis in 1972. Survivors: two sons, Ronald

Holuby of Edmond and Jimmy Billy of Washington; three daughters, Peggy Holuby of Eufaula, Sandra Fowler of Weleetka and Leah Cloud of Arlington, Texas; two brothers, Thompson Billy and Robert Jones of Muskogee and 13 grandchildren. Pallbearers: Daniel Billy, Buddy Lindsey, Cleo Cloud, Johnny Billy, Johnny "Tuffy" Billy and Zerndorf Billy.

Benjamin Lewis Roberts

WELEETKA — Benjamin Lewis "Robin" Roberts, 37, died April 19 in Oklahoma City. Services were April 24 in the Nuyaka Indian Baptist Church with the Rev. Wilson Hicks officiating. Burial was in the Nuyaka Cemetery. Roberts was born Feb. 21, 1953, in Tahlequah to Frisco and Frances (Birdcreek) Roberts. He was preceded in death by both parents. Survivors: one son, Kevin Roberts of Tulsa; six brothers, Joe Edward Conard of Dallas, Mandrell Roberts of Tulsa, Terry and Randy Roberts of Oklahoma City and Allen and Tony Roberts of Fort Arthur, Texas; and two sisters, Shirley Yargee of Weleetka and Ida Roberts of Tulsa. Active pallbearers: Louis Morgan, Sammy Deere, Bruce Randall, Jimmy Deere, Bunky Lowe and Sonny Roberts. Honorary pallbearers: Rocky Randall, Dean Deere, Raymond Lowe, Roy Roberts, Rusty Lowe and Adrian Birdcreek.

Ella Mae Jackson

OKEMAH — Ella Mae Jackson, 75, of Okemah died April 24. Services were April 28 at the Greenleaf Indian Baptist Church with the Rev. John Burgess and the Rev. Harold Turner officiating. Jackson was buried in the Greenleaf Church Cemetery. Jackson died at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City. Jackson was born July 21, 1914 in Eufaula. She was a member of the Greenleaf Indian Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, Alex and Setepakee Sulphur and her husband, Andrew Jackson. Survivors: four sons, Eugene E. Jackson of Seminole, Saber Jackson of Tulsa, Kenneth Jackson of Cromwell and Melford Price Jr. of Oklahoma City; two daughters, El Wanda Holloway of San Antonio, Texas, and Carol Walker of Seminole; one nephew, Mose Harjo of Tulsa; 16 grandchildren and 16 great-children and the Barnes family.

Christopher Chisholm

PRESTON — Christopher Clay Chisholm, 15, of Preston died April 30. Services were held at Buchanan Memorial Chapel May 2 with the Rev. Mike Harjo and the Rev. Bunny Hill officiating. Funeral services were held at the Preston High School Gymnasium May 3 with the Rev. Jim Waller and Rev. Adrian Jacobs officiating. Chisholm was a student at Preston Junior High School, played basketball and was listed on the student honor roll. He was a member of the Victory Christian Center in Tulsa. Survivors: his father and mother, Frank and Linda Chisholm of the home; one brother, Frank Eugene Chisholm; two sisters, Bonnie and Crystal Chisholm; one nephew, Charles Justin Brown, all of the home. Maternal grandparents are Rebecca Autaubo and the late George C. Autaubo of Okmulgee; maternal grandfather Johnny J. Asbury of Henryetta; paternal grandmother Winona Williams of Lawton; and paternal grandfather Frank B. Chisholm of Shawnee.

Current Creek Nation Princess Janita Screechowl will continue her reign until then.

First runnerup was Sharon Jones, a senior at Bowlegs High School. Second runner was Kristi Herndon, a 17-year-old student at Shawnee High School.

Classifieds

Help wanted

Program developer/administrator

The Tulsa Creek Indian Community has an opening for a program developer/administrator. The program developer's job responsibilities will include planning, coordinating and actively participating in fund development activities.

Specific duties: 1, Preparation of grant application and proposals to foundations and government institutions; 2, solicitation of funds from prospects through direct mail campaigns and personal solicitation meetings.

Other duties: Plan and conduct research and analysis of member/local demographics and funding sources to determine more effective methods of fund development; analyze various business opportunities and prepare related business plan and proposals to implement. Heavily involved in the negotiations of opportunities.

Qualifications desired: a bachelor's degree in business administration, marketing or related discipline. At least four years of progressively responsible, recent experience related to the above responsibilities. A combination of education and experience will be considered. Substantial knowledge of and experience with federal regulations.

Interested applications should send resume and salary requirements to: Tulsa Creek Indian Community, 2300 E. 14th St., Suite 104, Tulsa OK 74104.

Instructor, photography

Oklahoma State University Technical Branch, Okmulgee.

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Salary: Open.

Application deadline: May 11, 1990.

Start date: July 2, 1990.

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dustrial photography. Maintain course or study materials, studio/lab facilities, equipment and student evaluation criteria. Provide assistance with student concerns and interests.

Minimum qualifications: Baccalaureate Degree and applicable experience in the photography field is required. Women and minorities encouraged to apply. Successful applicant must provide documentation of identity and eligibility for employment upon hire as required by IRCA.

Other preferences: Teaching and/or supervisory experience in photography field. Non-tobacco user preferred.

Contact: R. Gary Borchert, Department head, Visual Communications, 918-756-6211, Ext. 295.

Schools

Broadcasting School

Eastern Shawnee Indian Tribe and the Wyandotte Indian Tribe of Oklahoma are seeking all Indians or persons with Indian descent who would like to work in radio broadcasting to attend their Indian School of Broadcasting in Wyandotte. Call 918-768-6102 to request an application.

Catalogs

A catalog briefly describing 1100 rolls of microfilmed Indian tribal records is available for \$10 from the Oklahoma Historical Society, Archives and Manuscripts Division, 2100 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

Recipes needed

Favorite Indian recipes are sought by Imogene Dawson Properties to be used in a book titled "Food for the Body and Food for the Soul." Contact: Imogene Dawson Properties, 616 N. Timber Lane, Oklahoma City, OK 73127.

Books

Choctaw

Dictionary

Native American Books has reprinted "A Dictionary of the Choctaw Language" by Cyrus Byington. Originally published by Smithsonian Institution as Bulletin No. 46 in the Bureau of American Ethnology Series. This 621-page volume contains Phonetic key, Choctaw-English vocabulary section and English-Choctaw index. Available in two bindings: \$39 for paperback; \$59 for hardbound library buckram cloth. Add \$4 for shipping and handling. Write: Native American Books, 5884 Winans Lake Road, Brighton, Mich. 48116.

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language has a handgame, and when she got older she knew more, and remembered more than me," she said.

Dode Ann officially will begin her reign as Creek Nation Princess June 15 at the Creek Nation Festival.

Quarterly financial statement

For quarter ending
April 31, 1990

The Creek Nation's Office of the Treasury, as one of its major functions, produces a series of monthly budgetary and general ledger reports on all activities and programs of the Creek Nation. These reports are made available to appropriate management personnel and other interested parties.

The Office of the Treasury maintains an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for fund accounting in order to meet the standards and reporting requirements of the Government Finance Officers Association and the reporting requirements as established under the A-128 Single Audit Act.

Reports prepared under these standards tend to be technical and complex by nature, which may require a more in-depth understanding of both accounting principles and fund accounting that those reports of other entities.

In order to keep tribal members cognizant of the financial status of the Creek Nation, a summary financial statement is prepared and published quarterly. This statement has been prepared on a cash basis to reflect receipts and expenditures accumulated on year to date basis.

A detailed explanation of the reading of this statement is as follows:

PROGRAM NAME: Provides the titles of the various programs and activities of the Creek Nation.

RECEIPTS: Provides a year to date total of all cash collected for this program.

BUDGET: Provides the approved budget for the current fiscal year, for federal and tribal funds.

ENCUMBERED FUNDS: Provides totals, at the date of report, for commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services.

EXPENDED FUNDS: Provides totals for all obligations incurred and paid at the date of report.

UNENCUMBERED FUNDS: This gives the balance of the budget minus encumbered funds minus expended fund. This is the balance available for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Program Name	Receipts	Budget	Encumbered	Expended	Unencumbered
Treasury	8,491	10,000	2,943	2,388	4,669
General Taxes & License	345,056	537,512	811	187,066	349,635
Administration	804,418	1,963,557	79,341	807,815	1,076,401
Consumer Loans	15,609	59,729	1,535	10,321	47,873
Communications	272,200	272,200	16,395	159,973	95,832
Creek Nation Bingo	1,375,867	3,320,824	98,454	1,881,520	1,340,850
C.N. Permanent Fund	58,441	0	0	0	0
Tulsa C.N. Bingo Escrow	689,454	0	0	0	0
Tribal Budget 1990	1,352,996	1,355,643	23,745	759,254	572,644
Job Trng & Plcmnt Act 88	0	0	0	0	0
Job Trng & Plcmnt Act 89	301,520	406,111	849	295,628	109,634
Family Violence Prevention	8,511	8,073	43	7,911	119
IHS Tribal Mgmt. Grant	31,000	0	0	0	0
HHS-Headstart '89	108,236	137,768	455	98,765	38,548
Admini. on Aging '89	28,884	50,148	783	29,303	20,062
Com.Ser.Block Grant '89	0	3,359	0	2,507	852
HHS-Children Service '89	0	0	0	0	0
Homeless Assist. act '89	736	3,033	0	1,179	1,854
Family Violence Prev. 89	4,085	13,960	444	4,145	9,371
HHS-Headstart '90	181,475	469,468	16,121	193,014	260,333
AOA-90	0	80,110	0	0	80,110
Com.Ser.Block Grant '90	1,799	14,417	0	6,994	7,423
L.I.H.E.A.P.	40,902	52,182	0	48,288	3,894
Child Serv. Title IV-B	20,775	49,638	1,451	20,775	27,412
Homeless Assist. Act '90	0	3,816	0	0	3,816
Com.Dev.Block Grant '87	0	445	0	445	0
Com.Dev.Block Grant '88	174,349	271,305	7,852	163,218	100,235
Ok. Dept Mental Health 89	15,000	15,000	0	15,000	0
USDA-Food Distrib. 89	0	0	0	0	0
OIAC-Energy Assistance 89	0	0	0	0	0
Com.Dev.Block Grant 89	119,511	434,167	3,144	104,447	326,576
USDA-Food Distrib. 90	115,213	243,843	0	124,236	119,607
OIAC-Energy Assistance 90	13,400	13,400	0	0	13,400
AOA-USDA-Reimbursement	35,310	19,000	1,752	13,710	3,538
Headstart USDA-Reimburse	26,730	33,000	8,282	24,405	313
Euf. Dorm-Activity Fund	5,046	2,943	0	5,800	(2,857)
MNN Activity Fund	2,757	0	0	0	0
Court Clerk Act. Account	1,000	600	0	200	400
BIA-Adult Education	66,770	198,866	987	70,971	126,908
BIA-Aid to Tribal Gov	205,180	347,532	15,457	209,374	122,701
BIA-Community Services	42,966	118,848	287	43,995	74,566
BIA-Higher Education	401,649	671,648	1,567	408,996	261,085
BIA-Natural Resource	227,169	538,614	5,754	223,949	308,911
BIA-Adult Vocat. Trng	88,968	467,406	2,005	93,117	372,284
BIA-Credit & Finance	51,328	117,761	167	51,678	65,916
BIA-Other Employ. Assistance	11,702	18,217	0	12,478	5,739
BIA-JOM Early Childhood	13,488	18,010	0	12,839	5,171
BIA-Agriculture	92,195	229,964	5	98,006	131,953
BIA-Social Services	162,423	272,465	216	163,010	109,239
BIA-Housing	88,255	305,212	33,542	109,860	161,810
BIA-Real Estate Appraisals	58,947	160,147	3,330	60,742	96,075
BIA-Minerals & Mining	15,250	14,152	105	8,448	5,599
BIA-Water Resources	273	2,043	455	272	1,316
BIA-Other Real Estate	92,984	200,996	547	94,753	105,696
BIA-Eufaula Dorm (Maint)	549,768	528,948	16,149	126,859	385,940
BIA-Eufaula Dorm (Education)	761,116	690,473	14,950	356,216	319,307
BIA-Indian Chld. Welfare	0	0	0	0	0
CN Community Hospital	1,595	364,324	2,958	237,768	123,598
Community Health Representa	536	0	0	0	0
CN Outpatient Clinics	1,810	57,501	4,418	2,589	50,494
Sapulpa Clinic-3rd Party	4,349	4,735	0	3,370	1,365
Eufaula Clinic-3rd Party	11,074	22,640	0	281	22,359
Okmulgee Dental/3rd Party	1,715	0	0	0	0
Youth Svcs/Pro. Income	30	3,016	0	0	3,016
Alcohol/Substance Abuse	0	24,999	533	6,098	18,368
CN Community Hosp. 89	955,243	1,276,631	6,980	863,571	406,080
Com.Health Rep. 89	191,245	692,810	821	285,807	406,182
89 Outpatient Clinics	523,811	684,087	10,260	418,637	255,190
C.N. Employee Benefit	31,472	62,154	0	44,896	17,258
Development & Construction	3,532	0	0	3,973	(3,973)
Tribal Real Prop & Fac	607,175	815,463	8,170	538,283	269,010
Tribal-Property & Supply	33,592	0	2,303	16,693	(18,996)
Festival Committee 89	15,081	0	0	18,768	(18,768)
Totals	11,471,462	18,754,913	396,366	9,554,604	8,803,943

Dispute

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At that meeting, Fast Wolf said the Creek Nation has not resolved the allegations made by IHS regarding contract discrepancies. This despite reports made by the tribe's accounting firm of Coopers and Lybrand and an independent accounting firm, Birnbaum and Associates, that apparently trace all accountable funds.

Fast Wolf has rejected the reports, however, contending that the work is a financial statement and not an audit required by the Single Audit Act.

The contracting officer added that the Birnbaum audit was based on the Coopers and Lybrand report.

"Subsequently, the inspector general did not accept it because of ongoing investigations," he said.

A memo sent from Donald Dille, regional inspector general for audit services, to Luis Navarro, chief of the audit management branch of Public Health Service, stated the Creek Nation was being investigated by the Office of the Inspector General. The probe could affect the contracts examined by Birnbaum, the memo stated.

According to the April 13 memo, the OIG did not think releasing the Birnbaum report was "in the best interest of all parties involved" and that no review of the audit report is planned until the investigation is complete.

When contacted, Fast Wolf referred all comment to Luke McIntosh, executive officer for the Oklahoma City IHS Area Office. McIntosh is Fast Wolf's immediate supervisor.

Breshears and Principal Chief Claude Cox said no investigators have contacted either of them. Tribal officials did acknowledge that the Office of the Inspec-

tor General have looked into the IHS allegations and financial records.

First U.S. Attorney Sheldon Sperling of Muskogee, would neither confirm or deny that the tribe was being investigated by federal inspectors.

McIntosh said the investigation was being conducted by IHS into the "original allegations" made by Fast Wolf in a December 1989 contract monitoring report.

When pressed for details, McIntosh said "We're not going to comment on the matter."

In Fast Wolf's report made to Dr. Robert Harry, IHS Area Director, he "ascertained serious discrepancies" with four contracts.

Fast Wolf claimed the tribe had a \$4.3 million cash-on-hand balance and had not established a special bank account for IHS monies. Both were claimed by Fast Wolf to be against federal regulations.

After accepting vouchers from administrators, Fast Wolf adjusted the amount to \$3.7 million for the cash-on-hand balance.

Tribal officials admit that no special bank account for IHS funds was established. They maintain, however, that this is not a violation of policy and that IHS was aware of the placement of funds into a general account.

Tribal attorney Greg Bigler said IHS wired money directly to the general account and made no previous mention that this was a violation.

Breshears said the IHS area office does not understand the tribe's sophisticated accounting system and

that all IHS monies have been spent on health care and can be traced.

Though IHS had withheld fiscal year 1990 funds for the hospital and clinics at the beginning of the controversy, the Creek Nation Hospital Board has received the 1990 appropriations.

The two-member board now manages the tribe's hospital and clinics in Eufaula, Okemah, Okmulgee and Sapulpa.

Board member Abe McIntosh, not related to Luke, says relations with the area office and Fast Wolf, in particular, have been good.

"We have always had fairly good relations with IHS," McIntosh said. "We have taken pains to follow regulations and we have been assured that the current contract will not be changed."

Not known is how long after fiscal year 1990 the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah will remain open if IHS is still at odds with tribal administrators.

McIntosh said he had no assurances for next year but did say the board will submit its funding request to the area office in June. He said plans are to keep all of the tribal health care facilities.

Neither IHS or tribal administrators can say when the matter will be resolved.

Bigler said settling the issue requires a lengthy formal process. Tribal administrators have filed their final certified claim denying the IHS allegations with Fast Wolf. No action will be taken until Fast Wolf decides to accept or deny the tribe's claim.

"We're hopeful that (Fast Wolf) will decide in our favor," Bigler said. "We can't do anything until the final written decision is made. We will weigh our options then."

Said Luke McIntosh: "The issue is about management. I wish it was behind us."

Warning

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traditional blood-mixing ceremonies, we've found this is the best way to work with them," Green Rush said.

Negiel Bigpond, counselor for the Creek Nation Human Services and Substance Abuse Program, said he will attempt to contact stomp ground leaders in the coming weeks about spreading information. Bigpond is available by calling 918-623-1424.

"We want them to know we're not trying to change anything they do, but advise them to take precautions," Bigpond said.

Health officials are urged to advise medicine men to sterilize scratching instruments with pure bleach and dip them into water. This ensures the blood of an AIDS-infected person does not mix with the blood of healthy persons.

Experts have determined the second wave of the AIDS epidemic will strike ethnic minorities, health officials say. Because American Indians have a higher incidence of sexually transmitted diseases, this is a disturbing trend, Cole said.

"We've heard that Indians can't get it; that it's a white man's disease, but that's not true," Cole said.

Nationwide, 168 Indians have been diagnosed with AIDS, but Green Rush admits that no doubt is an undercount. Of the more than 600 documented AIDS cases in Oklahoma, 16 to 20 are Indians, Cole said.

Towns

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gee (Creek) Nation. Brown decided that the towns were separate units of government and are entitled to receive federal funds.

The three tribal towns were allowed to organize as separate tribes under the 1936 Oklahoma Indian Welfare Acts. The towns each drafted constitutions, by-laws and a federal charter long before the Creek Nation.

The Indian Self-Determination Act of 1974 recognized Cox as the spokesman for the tribe and granted federal recognition to the Creeks.

Thlopthlocco, Kialege and Alabama Quarsarte were included as part of the Creek Nation and were denied federal funds and status as separate entities.

Okmulgee Agency Superintendent Jimmy Gibson said the tribal towns will have to establish membership rolls and move tribal membership out of the Creek Nation.

The tribe's constitution excludes dual membership.

Though the memo states that the Okmulgee agency will now be "multi-tribal," Gibson said no changes reflecting that policy have been made.

"The membership decision will be left to the tribal towns" regarding membership," Gibson said.

"They have the option to stay within the Creek Nation."

Gibson contends that the BIA always has known the tribal towns were recognized individually.

But since the towns are located within the Creek Nation boundaries and the towns are Creek, the BIA has dealt with the tribe, he said.

One change that has been made has been the placement of royalties for Thlopthlocco in an escrow account until decisions have been reached by each

town.

Of the three towns, Thlopthlocco is the only one with a land base. The 2,500 acres has been leased generating funds for the town.

Thlopthlocco operates a bingo hall and smokeshop at its headquarters near Clearview.

The towns' mineral royalties have been placed in accounts for the Creek Nation to the objection of many town members including Barbara Kelly, town micco.

"We're all Creek," Kelly said, "(but) we believe we can be more efficient and meet the needs of our people better than the tribe (has done)."

Kelly said the business committee will continue to meet with town members and negotiate with the Bureau until a consensus has been reached.

Kialege leader Johnny Billie and Alabama leader Ken Tiger, could not be reached for comment as late as May 1..

Cox contends that the three towns have received goods and services from both federal and tribal programs and pursuing separate tribe status will harm individuals.

Cox also fears that any loss of tribal enrollment to the towns will cause greater reductions in federal funds.

While that impact cannot be determined yet, the BIA memo states "no additional monies will be made available" and that the Okmulgee Agency is to divide the funds among "four separate governing bodies."

Though the tribal towns would receive federal funds, the tribe's slice of the pie will be smaller.

Representatives of the towns are expected to meet with Gibson in May where the superintendent will clarify the BIA policy and discuss options town action.



Creek Nation's Youth Olympics will be among the featured events at Creek Festival '90, scheduled June in Okmulgee.

Kv'co-hv'se (Blackberry) June

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Festival '90 : Let the games begin ...



Photo by Jim Wolfe

Bob Arrington, one of the founding fathers of the Creek Festival Rodeo, is among many Creek Nation staff members who help with the extensive planning.

Festival requires planning, politics

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE — For thousands of people, the Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo is a three-day weekend of competition, fun and fellowship held here every June.

For local merchants, the Festival is an economic boost and the beginning of the summer tourist season.

But for committee members and volunteers, the Festival is the culmination of several months of planning, meetings and phone calls.

The 1990 Festival and Rodeo is expected to attract more than 11,000 people from across the United States. The tab for this year's holiday celebration: \$47,975.

The first festival was held in 1975. In April 1976, the National Council approved Resolution 76-25 making the festival an annual event.

Schedule of main events

June 15	6 p.m.: Opening ceremonies 6:45 p.m.: Softball tournament 8 a.m.: Youth Olympics
June 16	8 a.m.: Softball tournament 8 a.m.: Tennis tournament 9 a.m.: Volleyball tournament 7 a.m.: Golf tournament 8 p.m.: Rodeo
June 17	7 a.m.: Golf tournament 8 a.m.: Tennis tournament 8 a.m.: Softball tournament 2 p.m.: Rodeo

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According to the resolution, the festival was "to provide the opportunity for Creek people as well as others to recognize and enjoy the history and culture of the Creek Nation."

Promoting the culture and history may have

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Agribusiness' fate in hands of high court

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE — The fate of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's agribusiness operation will be decided by the Supreme Court in June.

A suit seeking a court order for Principal Chief Claude A. Cox to comply with NCA 89- 71 was heard by tribal district court Judge Patrick Moore May 30 at the tribal complex.

The suit, filed by McIntosh representatives Sandy McIntosh and Tom Pickering, alleges that monies from milk sales have not been deposited in the agribusiness account with Peoples National Bank in Checotah.

Pickering testified that withholding the money has caused the cash flow problems for the agribusiness resulting in shortages of feed for the livestock and money for the day-to-day operations.

The suit is the latest in the struggle between the Council and the tribal administration for control of the agribusiness.

Chief Cox, Executive Director Gary Breshears and

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Slain Creek artist gave glimpse of dad's legacy

By TOMMY CUMMINGS
Communications Director

MUSKOGEE — Jerome Christopher Tiger had his own artistic style when it came to his paintings.

His was a style that contrasted the standard his late Creek artist father, Jerome, had established for American Indian art in the late 1960s.

As different as their painting styles were, they ironically died similarly; Chris, 22, on May 9 of a gunshot wound to his forehead, his father of an accidental gunshot wound to his head in 1967 in Eufaula.

Those who knew both felt the younger Tiger had the potential to achieve the fame his father had reached.

"(Chris) definitely was a promising artist," said Ruth

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We can do even more to help ourselves



CLAUDE COX

PRINCIPAL CHIEF

If there is any tribe in the country that has taken a lead in providing services for its people, it's the Creek Nation.

In as much as we have been able to overcome many things to be where we are, we've only scratched the surface. We must use our resources to their fullest in a united effort. My motto always has been "to provide the best for our people, because they deserve the best."

In the past, this administration has confronted Indian Health Service on shortfalls in providing health care to our people. Each year we have fought for funds to operate our health facilities for the full fiscal year.

And, each year, IHS ended up providing the needed funds from its appropriations.

In the past, we never supplemented health care with tribal funds. However, that has changed drastically recently. You may have heard rumors about how our health facilities are operating in the black.

That's true. But it has been put in the black because your tribal monies from bingo and tax revenues in the amount of more than \$1 million has been appropriated for health care.

IHS, through its appropriations, has a trust responsibility to provide health care to our people. That's something this administration always has reminded IHS about.

Also, your tribal monies have been allocated to supplement an agribusiness.

There is a need to see other economic development projects in order to put our people to work.

In Muskogee another bingo hall will be built. Currently, we are working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in putting the property in trust. This project took two years to finally get the needed appropriations.

It wasn't until this year before the funding was approved by the current National Council. Once the facility is built, it will mean jobs for our people in that community.

Other economic development projects in the past that would have meant jobs never have been approved. Tribal monies that have been used to used to supplement the health facilities and the agribusiness easily could have been used for other economic development ventures.

It is my pledge to you that I will pursue to unite the efforts of our people, the BIA, IHS and other resources to see that our people continue receiving the best of services. I ask for your prayers.

Warnings on scratching took on insensitive tone



THOMAS BERRYHILL

CREEK CITIZEN

The recent *Muscogee Nation News* article on ceremonial scratching has generated much concern among the traditional people. They have voiced strong and varied opinions on the tone and purpose of the article and stated medical authority comments.

In my conversing with certain ceremonial authorities, some vital points were made as to faith

and powers of the scratching aspect and the lack of understanding of the non-traditional Indian populace. Coupled with the tone of the article, the intent seemed to be an undermining of ancient traditional practices.

The threat of AIDS is a global concern and should be considered an issue on the ceremonial grounds. The information that was given in the article as to Native Americans having the highest rate of sexually transmitted diseases seems to have been an obscure item until now.

The Native American religion has been under attack from various sectors and now the medical sector. The AIDS epidemic is indeed a fearful subject, which was conveyed adequately in the article's headlines.

Many non-traditional Creeks already are conditioned with religious superstition against ceremonial grounds. It is the opinion of many that this will further non-traditional insensitivity toward our ceremonial religion.

It is taught on ceremonial grounds that we should not speak derogatorially of Christianity. My statement here is not that, but in fact only that we must preserve with discretion our ancient ways, for there has been an obvious missionary attempt to halt our traditional ways.

In any case, I am confident that our traditional leaders will deal effectively with this threat.

Letters

Creek princess: Selection an honor An open letter to Creek people:

It was an honor to have had the opportunity to run in the Creek Nation Princess Pageant. It was an even greater honor to be chosen as Creek Nation Princess. If I am able to do half as well as Janita Screehowl has done this past year, I truly will have accomplished great things. Janita should be very proud of herself. She has done an outstanding job as princess. Janita's efforts have not gone unnoticed this past year; she has set a good example for the youth and has represented the Creek Nation well.

I ran for Creek Nation Princess because I wanted to give something back to the Creek tribe. The Creek Nation always has been a source of stability and encouragement to me in my life; I only wish to return the favor.

It will truly be an honor to represent the Creek Nation this coming year.

Dode Ann Warrington, Sapulpa

New format enhances the MNN

Editor:

The purpose of this letter is to compliment the Creek Nation Communications staff on the new look of *The Muscogee Nation News*. The newspaper's re-format and layout has enhanced the readability, making the paper more informative and interesting.

Having been an editor of two newsletters and holding the position as the local business forms designer of my company, it is hard to not notice an excellent piece of work.

Keep up the good work.

Helen Duncan, Coweta.

Letters of thanks

Chief Claude A. Cox:

I just wanted to let you know I have appreciated all the help you and the Creek Nation have given me to help further my education and help make (my) graduation (from the University of Oklahoma) possible.

Thanks.

Jon D. Maxey.

The Muscogee Nation News

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Photo by Elliot Barnett

Two head start runners clear the hurdle and head for the finish line. The two represented their head start center in the Creek Nation Head Start Olympics in Okmulgee. Centers participating were Okmulgee, Eufaula, Sapulpa and Yeager head starts.

In Brief

Freedman group files complaints

TULSA — Creek Freedmen Indians of Oklahoma have filed two formal complaints against the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to the Secretary of Interior.

Scott McIntosh, president of the Tulsa-based group, said the complaints allege Creek Nation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs have violated the Freedmen's civil rights by refusing to grant them benefits afforded other tribal members.

Jimmy Gibson, Okmulgee BIA Agency Superintendent, said the BIA will assist and give benefits to federally-recognized tribes or those Freedman with CDIB cards. Gibson said Creek Freedman Indians of Oklahoma are not recognized as a federally-recognized tribe.

The group met in Tulsa in mid-May. The group urged all people on the Dawes Commission Roll and/or their survivors to attend the meeting, McIntosh said.

The group will meet again June 28 for a Freedman Rally in Boynton.

Group to study domestic violence

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Family Services Office will form a group to explore the issue of domestic violence beginning June 19.

Persons interested in attending these free classes must pre-register by June 15. The group will meet for six weeks.

Meetings will be held every Tuesday beginning June 19. Three different time sessions will be offered: 9:30 to 11 a.m.; 1:30 to 3 p.m.; and 7 to 8:30 p.m.

To register, call Lucy Simpson of the Creek Nation Family Services Office at 918-756-2112. These classes are offered to all Native American women.

Tribe closing in on Glenpool deal

GLENPOOL — Negotiations for the Servco property are nearing completion, Creek Nation tribal affairs director Buddy York said.

The tribe has offered \$275,000 for the five acres and three buildings located near the intersection of U.S. 75 and 141st Street in Glenpool.

The tribe has made three offers, York said. "We're not too far apart on the purchase price," he said.

As of June 1, York said the deal should be closed in the next week or two.

The Glenpool Indian community intends to establish its community center, smokeshop and other economic development projects on the property.

Oklahoman new museum director

WASHINGTON, D.C. — W. Richard West, Jr. has been named director of the National Museum of the American Indian by the Smithsonian Institution. West, a Cheyenne-Arapaho, is an attorney active in the cultural, educational, legal and governmental issues affecting Indians.

West, former Muskogee resident, assumed his duties June 1. The museum, scheduled to open in 1998, will be dedicated to the collection, preservation, study and exhibition of Indian languages, literature, history, art and culture.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief Claude Cox is one of three Oklahoma chiefs who participated in meetings with Smithsonian Institution officials about the Museum. The meeting is the first regional visit for West. The meetings were held to discuss ways to involve Indian communities in the planning and development of the National Museum.

Other tribal leaders attending the meeting were Bill Anoatubby, governor of the Chickasaw Nation and Elmer Manatowa, Jr., chief of the Sac and Fox Nation.

Tribal towns' leaders talk with officials

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

THLOPTHLOCCO — Insisting that their purpose is not to secede, officials from three tribal towns met with federal and Creek Nation representatives to discuss options for contracting programs and services.

The May 19 meeting called by officials from Alabama-Quarsarte, Kialege and Thlopthlocco tribal towns was a question and answer session with Bureau of Indian Affairs officials and Principal Chief Claude Cox.

Jimmy Gibson, Okmulgee agency BIA superintendent, said the meeting was productive. Also in attendance: Merritt Youngdeer, BIA area director; Dennis Springwater, BIA assistant director; Ed Lowery, self-determination specialist and Curtis Wilson, contracting officer.

Barbara Kelly, Thlopthlocco micco, said the main concern for the tribal towns is implementing "638" programs.

Passed in the 1970s, Public Law 93-638 is the Indian Self-Determination Act. The purpose of the act is to allow tribes to assume operations of programs managed by the BIA.

"The idea (of the act) is, if the programs are to serve tribal citizens, then the tribes may be better able to assess the needs of its members," said Creek Nation attorney Greg Bigler.

According to an opinion written by attorney Alan Core, the three tribal towns are in a better position to meet the needs of their members than the larger Creek Nation government. Core is contracted by Thlopthlocco and a law firm partner with Thlopthlocco attorney John Ghostbear.

Kelly said many people believe the towns are trying to become independent of the Creek Nation.

"That's not true," Kelly said. "We did not say we were going to separate. We're all Creek."

She said she does believe that by contracting 638 programs, the Thlopthlocco government can serve its citizens more effectively.

The confusion about motives stems from the efforts of the towns to certify membership enrollment.

Gibson said the towns must have their enrollment in place before contracting can begin.

Kelly admits Thlopthlocco still has a lot of work to do but that the town enrollment process has not been difficult.

Gibson said BIA and tribal officials will continue to meet with the tribal towns to discuss contract options and for the tribal towns to learn what is available to them.

The National Council also will have to participate in the process, Gibson said.

"The National Council will have to make a decision about their role; how they are going to work as governing bodies and how they are going to share funds and programs," he said.

"There is going to be a lot of negotiation and coordination before the changes take place."

Festival '90: Lots of games and arts

By **TOMMY CUMMINGS**
Communications Director

OKMULGEE — Three days of sports, arts and crafts will be available June 15-17 at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation '90 Festival.

The festival is sponsored annually by the Creek Nation Festival Committee. This year's festival is the 16th and again will be held at the tribe's Sports Omniplex, adjacent to the tribal capitol complex.

Tribal leaders invite everyone, not just Creek citizens, to attend.

"This is a time when our people 'come home,'" Principal Chief Claude A. Cox wrote in a public statement. "It is a very special time of the year when vacations and reunions are scheduled by our people."

Earl Wheeler, National Council Second Speaker, said the Festival Committee and volunteers deserve a round of thanks to "put on a program that is going to

involve people of all ages.

"To me it's a family affair and I think the Festival is a modern display of the old-fashioned closeness and unity that Creek people have. I hope the people will come out and support this spirit of unity at the festival."

The multi-sanction Creek Nation Rodeo kicks off the festivities June 15 at 6 p.m. with opening ceremonies. Specific plans for the ceremonies had not been settled as of early June.

Other activities include:

- men's and women's fastpitch softball tournaments, featuring entrants from Kansas and Texas as well as Oklahoma;

- a 16-team co-ed volleyball tournament;

- a two-day golf tournament at Fountainhead State Park Golf Course near Eufaula;

- a two-day tennis tournament, featuring 10 divisions;

- youth Olympics, featuring Creek Nation community teams and competitors from other tribes; and,

- children's games and senior citizens' activities.

Arts and crafts booths and other vendors will be open for business on the Omniplex grounds throughout the Festival.

Tentative plans also call for a parade at the Omniplex but where and when has yet to be determined. Last year's parade was in downtown Okmulgee.

In addition to the activities at the Omniplex, the Euchee Mission Boarding School Reunion, the first in 13 years, will be held at the tribal capitol complex June 15-16.

Arts and crafts booths and space for vendors will be set up east of the service road.

Gate admission: \$1 daily.

In conjunction with the Festival, the Creek Nation Princess Committee selected its crown-bearer at a pageant in late April.

Dode Ann Warrington of Sapulpa officially will begin her yearlong reign as princess at the Festival.

Rodeo

WHEN: 6 p.m. opening ceremonies, June 15, Friday; 8 p.m. second round, June 16; 2 p.m., final round, June 17.

WHERE: Rodeo Arena.

HOW TO ENTER: Books open June 5, 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Call Katie Williams, American Indian Rodeo Association secretary at 501-289-4261.

COORDINATOR: Creek Nation Rodeo Club.

Softball

WHEN: 6:45 p.m., June 15, Friday; 8 a.m., June 16, Saturday; 8 a.m. June 17, Sunday.

WHERE: Softball complex (four fields).

HOW TO ENTER: Entries closed June 1.

COORDINATOR: Bill Dowdy.

Volleyball

WHEN: 9 a.m., June 16, Saturday.

WHERE: Complex grounds, east of service road.

HOW TO ENTER: Entries closed June 8.

COORDINATOR: Jim Wolfe.

Tennis

WHEN: 8 a.m., June 16, Saturday; 8 a.m. June 17, Saturday.

WHERE: Okmulgee City Tennis Courts (eight courts), 1200 Block of North Okmulgee Street.

HOW TO ENTER: Entries close June 6.

COORDINATORS: Phyllis Davis and Lucien Berryhill.

Golf

WHEN: 7 a.m. teeoff, June 16, Saturday; 7 a.m., June 17, Sunday.

WHERE: Fountainhead State Park golf course.

HOW TO ENTER: Signup at clubhouse June 16.

COORDINATORS: Will Anquoe and Rick Kelly.

Youth Olympics

WHEN: 8 a.m. June 16, Saturday.

WHERE: Omniplex Track, northern section of complex.

HOW TO ENTER: Entries close June 8.

COORDINATORS: Georgeanne DeLuane and Jimmy Hill.

Euchee Mission Reunion should reunite old pals

By **TOMMY CUMMINGS**
Communications Director

There's a gleam in Bill Moody's eyes when he talks about the Euchee Mission Boarding School Reunion.

It was Moody's brainstorming that will lead to the reunion of old classmates from the Sapulpa Indian boarding school. The reunion is scheduled June 15-16 to coincide with Muscogee (Creek) Festival '90 in Okmulgee.

Ironically, the idea to revive the reunion (none had been held since 1977) came at a funeral Moody was attending in late 1989.

"My cousin from Illinois and I got to talking and he said it was a shame Euchee Mission didn't have a reunion," said Moody, who attended Euchee Mission from 1928-31.

"We decided there was nothing stopping us so we put out a flyer to get feelers and we've had tremendous response."

Moody said he's had Euchee Mission alumni from New Mexico, Arizona, North Carolina and Texas wanting to more about the reunion.

Support for the reunion has snowballed, Moody said.

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council appropriated \$2,500 and Principal Chief Claude A. Cox has pitched in to help with expenses.

The reunion will be held in the Creek Nation Tribal Complex' cafeteria. Moody said he expects more than 225 alumni for a Saturday afternoon dinner.

At the dinner will be Allie Reynolds, former pitching legend for the New York Yankees and current member of the Creek Nation Gaming Board, and Janita Screehowl, the 1989-90 Creek Princess.

Officers will be elected at the banquet and a vote will be taken on whether to make the reunion an



Photo from old Euchee Mission yearbook.

About Euchee Mission

The school was established in 1891 by the Presbyterian Mission Board and opened in 1894. In the beginning the school was co-educational and had only three buildings, including two dormitories and a three-room schoolhouse, all located on 40 acres of tribal property about a mile east of Sapulpa.

The Creek Council appointed a Euchee and Methodist minister, Noah Gregory, as the school's first superintendent. Henry Land and William Sapulpa then followed as second and third superintendents, respectfully.

The school was improved, enlarged and maintained by appropriations from Creek funds until 1928 when it was taken over and supported entirely by federal appropriations under supervision of the United States Indian Office.

In 1947, the school was closed, when the land and buildings were sold to School District No. 33 for use by the public schools.

annual event. Also at the banquet, awards will be given to the oldest and youngest alumnus and the alumnus who traveled the farthest.

During the weekend, alumni will be taken to the old school site and the Sapulpa Historical Museum will be interviewing and taking pictures of the reunion.

Euchee Mission Reunion T-shirts will be made and sold at the Okmulgee Senior Citizens Gift Shop at the complex.

Return to U.S. motivates barrel racer

By TOMMY CUMMINGS
Communications Director

OKMULGEE — It's a long way from Helsinki to Okmulgee, but barrel racer Kerri Adams of Stuart will have seen both in less than a month.

In mid-May, Adams was part of a rodeo troupe that toured Finland where she performed as a trick rider and barrel racer.

In mid-June, Adams will be back in the saddle again, barrel racing in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation 16th annual Indian Rodeo.

Adams said Helsinki was an experience, but she's glad to be back in the United States, taking in rodeos at less exotic places like Hartshorne and Kiowa.

"Finland was pretty educational and fun," said Adams, a 16-year-old who just completed her junior year at Stuart High School.

"I'd say I learned a lot about the country and people over there."

Her visit to Finland, where she joined about 40 other rodeo professionals, was arranged by Jerome

Rodeo

Robinson, a stock contractor for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

At the Creek Nation Rodeo, Adams will be making her second consecutive appearance. Last year, she completed the barrel course obstacle aboard her horse Buddy in 16.481 seconds, narrowly edging Debbie Dennis, who clocked 16.497.

Adams went on to represent the National Indian Rodeo Association at the National Indian Finals Rodeo in Albuquerque, N.M., where she won another title.

Adams, part Yakima, said she looks forward to the Creek rodeo.

"It's always pretty tough competition," she said. "I'm going to have to try pretty hard."

She'll compete on a different horse this time around. Adams will ride Jackie, a 5-year-old gray Quarter Horse mare.

"It really won't make a difference in the way I ride, it's just another one of my horses and I think she'll do a good job," Adams said.

The Creek Rodeo will feature \$8,200 in prize money during its three-day run June 15-17.

EVENTS: Contestants at least one-quarter degree of Indian blood will compete in saddle bronc riding, bareback bronc riding, bull riding, barrel racing, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping and 50-and-over calf roping.

LAST YEAR'S WINNERS: Roland Yazzie, bullriding; Tommy Trott, bareback bronc riding; Jess Knight, saddle bronc riding; Jack Foreman, calf roping; Tom Botone, steer wrestling; and, Keith Bacone and Joel Maker, team roping.

PURSES: \$1,100 will be paid in all of this year's events except calf roping where \$200 will be paid to calf roping contestants aged 50 and over.

ENTRY FEES: \$60 for each event, except the 50 and over calf roping; \$10 for junior events (contestants 14 and under competing for \$50 purses).

SESSIONS: June 15 and 16 will begin at 8 p.m. The June 17 session starts at 2 p.m.

STOCK CONTRACTOR: Rice Rodeo Co. of Beggs.

ADMISSION FEE: \$1 adults, children 6 and under and senior citizens 60 and over free.

Don't miss the chance to slug, spike, hook or volley

Other sports

Softball

Unless old favorites enter just before the deadline, the fastpitch men's softball tournament should be wide open.

Last year, the Haskell Indians of Lawrence, Kan., won the tournament, defeating the Tulsa Roofers Inc. in the finals. Neither team nor third place Red Race of Clinton had entered as of June 1. Little Axe, fourth last year, has entered. Other teams will come from Oklahoma City (five), Tuska-homa, Okemah, Sapulpa, Anadarko, Glenpool, Muskogee, Tulsa, Ada, Stratford, Moore and Lawrence, Kan.

In the women's division, three teams have entered as of June 1.

Defending champion Okmulgee Bingo, coached by Charley LaSarge, will return. Other entries are from Bacone College in Muskogee and All Tribes in Oklahoma City.

Volleyball

The Sooner Slam from Pryor was one set away from winning last year's volleyball tournament, but the Tulsa Side-Outs rallied in the final two sets.

The loss was a surprise to Clara Backwater, a Sooner Slammer.

"We should have won it last year but we just kind of played bad," Backwater said. "We played the Side-Outs in other tournaments and we usually beat them. But not that time."

As of June 1, the Tulsa Side-Outs are not among this year's entries. Nine have entered so far, including teams from both sides of the state. That leaves the Sooner Slam as one of the early favorites.

"We like playing at Creek Nation. We play a lot of the same teams around here. This tournament gives us a chance to play someone else," Backwater said.

Tennis

Leon Hawzipta, tennis coach at Pawhuska High School, gave extended lessons at last year's tournament, winning three divisions.

Hawzipta, who didn't pick up the game until late in college at Central State University, won the men's open singles, then teamed with Girard Fish to take the men's open doubles. Hawzipta later combined with Ellen Hawzipta to win the mixed doubles.

Hawzipta will return to play and act as tournament director.

Hawzipta, Director of Indian Education for Pawhuska Schools, has coached tennis there for eight years. He has several tournament titles to his credit, including:

- Native American Indian Tennis Association national champion in men's 35 and over singles;
- Oklahoma Tennis Association state champion, men's 35 and over singles.

This year, Hawzipta won the Glenpool Black Gold and Haikey Creek tournaments.

Youth Olympics

Chickasaw Nation's youth track team will return in hopes of repeating as champion in the Youth Olympics.

Last year, the Chickasaws dominated the running events to win the team trophy in one of the smallest turnouts in Festival history.

Only 355 participated last year after more than 600 competed the year before. Coordinator Georgeanne DeLaune said 17 communities and organizations have been invited, among them a team from Albuquerque, N.M.

Forty-three events for competitors aged 6 to 15 will be available.

Golf

Golfers who can't qualify on Saturday will have the option of playing a qualifying round any day of the week leading up to the tournament.



Volleyball teams in the Creek Nation Festival Tournament are required to provide line judges.

Rebuilt center in Holdenville thriving again

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

HOLDENVILLE — Fred Lowe spends a lot of time at the Holdenville Indian Community smokeshop.

When he isn't discussing business or pouring coffee for visitors, he's waiting on customers pulling up to the drive-by window.

As chairman of the Holdenville Indian Community, Lowe expects to be busy.

He doesn't mind, considering a year ago the community had only a fire damaged center, no smokeshop and not much participation in community activities.

In March 1989, arsonists set fire to the community center, destroying the entire inventory of tobacco products. The arsonists also caused significant damage to the building in their apparent attempt to cover up a burglary.

The fire not only destroyed the roof and damaged many rooms, it cost the community revenues it makes renting the facility to other organizations.

Collecting the insurance money for the damage and the tobacco inventory was not enough to rebuild.

The community has \$75,000 in bingo appropriations from the National Council to repair completely the roof and to erect a smokeshop.

The new building is plain. Its most redeeming feature is that the tobacco inventory is kept secure, away from the community center. Before cigarettes were kept in a room in the north end of the community center.

Hughes representative Johnson Buck said he believes the tobacco was the incentive for the three burglaries and vandalism of the community center.

Removing the motive for robberies should make the center more secure, Buck said.

In the past year, participation at community meetings was down. There was no smokeshop and the



Holdenville Indian Community Center president Fred Lowe said he doesn't mind staying busy: "We're back in business." The center was burned by arsonists more than a year ago.

1990 officers

Holdenville community board members are: Raymond Buck, Margaret Marshall and Richinta Yeomans. Patsy Harjo is secretary-treasurer and Lona Scott is the reporter.

center's tenant was forced to relocate.

This summer will be different.

Various groups have inquired about using the facility for reunions, gospel singings and other activities. Twin Rivers Head Start has returned to pay monthly rent and the community is seeking other tenants as well.

Community participation has increased. Attendance at monthly meetings averages between 35 and 40 members.

"We're trying to work together and stick together to take care of some of the needs around here," he said.

To that extent the community has sponsored a little league team and hosted a banquet for graduating Indian students at Holdenville High School.

Among long range plans:

- to provide transportation for elderly,
- an elderly nutrition site and
- a day care for children.

Bingo operations have been discussed. Some community members travel nine miles to Wewoka to play at the Seminole Nation facility though the reality of such an endeavor is at least a year away.

For now, Lowe and community members are content the center is renovated, community participation is up and customers are buying their cigarettes from the smokeshop.

"We're back in business," he said.

Summer job program to host orientation camps in June

OKMULGEE — The Creek Nation Summer Youth Employment Program will conduct two orientation camps for youth workers in June.

The camps will be at Eufaula Indian Boarding School the weeks of June 4-7 and June 11-14.

Guest speakers will be on hand to address more than 200 summer workers, aged 14-23, enrolled in the Creek Nation Summer Youth Employment Program.

Other activities include workshops, recreation and job orientation. Sessions begin at 11 a.m. Monday and conclude 1:45 p.m. Thursday.

Speakers and their topics:

- Jerry McPeak, Connors State College agriculture advisor, Goal Setting — Self Esteem;
- Mike Flud, Creek Nation Chief Justice and Morris High School counselor, Importance of Academics and Self-Discipline;

— Mike Jackson, Muskogee County Department of Human Services administrator, AIDS Awareness;

— Cecilia Hornbeck, Muskogee County DHS Non-Technical Medical Care, AIDS Awareness;

— Monroe (Butch) Simpson, Connors State College criminal justice director;

— Cogee Keith, Oklahoma Employment Service Commission manager, Motivation for Indian Students;

— Diana McCrary and Danna Minnick, manager and counselor for Creek Nation JTPA program, Vocational Training;

— Chenenna Davis, Creek Nation Officer of Higher Education manager, Higher Education — Scholarships;

— Emanuel Morgan, Creek Nation Division of Human Development, Job Proficiency.

Arts surveyor to offer help in marketing works June 13

OKMULGEE — Artists and craftspersons of Indian descent interested in marketing their work should bring samples to the Creek Nation Council House Museum June 13 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Craig Locklear, eastern United States representative for the Indian Arts and Crafts Board Advisory Services, will be at the Council House to provide technical assistance to arts and craftspersons.

The advisory board serves as a clearing house for information on Native American artists and craftspersons to the general public. Representatives make periodic survey trips to provide technical assistance to artists.

Locklear also will be available to discuss the services the board offers, a source directory, procedures and policies. He will pass out brochures and take information to supply the artists with followup information.

Creek wants newscast to get Oklahoma airtime

By TOMMY CUMMINGS
Communications Director

From his outpost in Anchorage, Alaska, Gary Fife hosts and produces the country's only daily news and information source focusing on the American Indian community.

His show, National Native News, is produced by the Alaska Public Radio Network and distributed by National Public Radio to 110 stations across the country.

The show has won numerous awards. In North Dakota, Fife is considered the Dan Rather of Native American news.

But there's one huge void in Fife's effort. And it's a void that has to be filled before he can consider his show a comprehensive one.

"No Oklahoma stations," said Fife, an Oklahoma Creek.

"It's frustrating, what with American Indians being so big a part of Oklahoma's history and heritage. After all, Oklahoma means 'land of the red man' in Choctaw.

"We would hope they might be on the forefront of Native and non-Native American news."

National Indian News goes into the major markets such as Washington D.C., San Francisco, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Seattle, Houston and Albuquerque.

Fife has talked with program directors at KGOU in Norman and KWGS in Tulsa, but so far hasn't sold them on the show. He said he isn't giving up; he calls them constantly asking for air time.

"We're still talking," he said. "It is not any means adversarial."

Of the five public radio stations in Oklahoma, only KWGS carries portions of Fife's newscast.

"We've tried to use stories that work well in this area," said Bill Nole, KWGS program director. "There are some holes in our national newscasts, but we put local news in those spots."

Nole and Paul Sund, news director for KOSU in Stillwater, said carrying the show in the future is a possibility, if and when they can find a spot.

"We just can't plop his show down in the middle of our classical music programming," Sund said.

Fife said Oklahomans could benefit from hearing developments in taxation of gaming operations, given Oklahoma tribes' interest in the enterprise.

Also, Oklahoma tribes are just interested in the progress of other tribes, he said.

"Creeks in Muskogee and Okemah want to know



Gary Fife, an Oklahoman, said he's frustrated that Oklahoma stations don't carry his daily newscast.

about the Crows in Montana or Aleuts in Alaska," Fife said. "People just want to know about each other."

His five-minute newscasts deal mostly with legislation that effects tribes and individuals. Fife said his newscasts go beyond the standard powwow coverage or the "beads and feathers" approach mainstream media takes toward covering Indian events.

The Tulsa-born journalist said this kind of coverage projects Indians as one-dimensional.

"We work very hard to stay on top of what's happening on the national level. Anyone on a reservation or in Oklahoma has to know the importance of political relations," he said.

"Some people say what happens way over in Washington, D.C., doesn't affect us.

"It damn sure does."

National Native News began in January of 1987 powered by a \$60,000 startup grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. At first, only 22 stations were on board.

Today, the newscast is on more solid ground with better financial backing.

Fife said his ultimate goal would be to have his telecast on 300 of the United States' 350 public sta-

tions.

Being at the helm of that kind of broadcasting effort wouldn't be unusual for those who have followed Fife's career.

In 1971, Fife began working in Washington D.C., first as a legislative intern with the Indian Legal Information Development Service.

He started his education at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. He received his bachelor's degree from the Flaming Rainbow Center of the University Without Walls, affiliated with Missouri's Westminster College.

He became the first Native American Ford Fellow in Education journalism in 1978, which allowed him to travel nationwide to research contemporary issues in Indian education.

Fife freelanced for various American Indian publications while in Washington D.C. In 1982, he moved to Minneapolis where he covered Native American issues for broadcast and print media.

In 1986, Diane Kaplan of the Alaska Public Radio Network offered Fife his position at National Native News in Anchorage.

Fife's newscasts have had tremendous response, said Debrah Smith, American Public Radio program representative.

"In a very short time they've had success getting in on mainstream public radio, taking on highly specific Indian issues," she said.

One Oklahoma public station manager said the program hasn't achieved the quality he's looking for but it's standards are improving.

"In some cases, the quality has been borderline and the presentation led much to be desired," said Brian Walke, news director for KGOU in Norman.

"But we've talked to Gary and they're working on that. We think they're doing a bangup job considering their resources."

Nole, KWGS program director, said he understands Oklahoma has the nation's second-largest Indian population and that Tulsa has the largest urban population.

"I can see that Gary would like to see his show in his home town and I can understand Gary's frustrations, but I can't agree," Nole said. "I feel we better serve our listeners the way it is now."

Fife said he doesn't buy the idea that public radio stations can't find the time slot for his show: "Public radio is to serve the underserved."

Conferences to focus on indigenous spirituality, environmental issues

OKEMAH — Indigenous spirituality and care of the environment will be two of many issues addressed at the second Summit on Indigenous Strategies and Youth and Elders Conference June 17-23.

The conferences will be held at the Muskogee Indian Round House here.

The summit is an opportunity for Indians and non-Indian activists to develop and implement strategies for the care of all life, said co-coordinators Jackie Warledo and Pat Moss.

Warledo is a Seminole and Moss is a Cherokee spiritual leader and director of the Spiritual Alliance for Native Prisoners, Inc. (SANPI).

"We organized this conference because we were tired of going to conferences where we heard nothing but complaining about what has been done in the past," Moss said.

"We decided that we would have one where we discussed what we can do about the problems we face today and the future."

Warledo said "we must work together to insure that our teachings and culture continue for the coming generations.

"It is up to us to be responsible caretakers of the planet and this can lead to solutions to many of the needs of our people and environment."

Other issues due discussion:

- grave and sacred-site desecration;
- youth and urban violence;
- community and economic development; and,

— anti-Indian hate groups.

Workshops will focus on non-Indian support and sovereignty issues.

The summit, hosted by SANPI, is scheduled June 17-20 in conjunction with the Youth and Elders Conference, a four-day spiritual gathering in the Muskogee Round House June 20-23.

"The conference is an opportunity to learn and share between youth and elders," Warledo said. "These gatherings are the essence of where we come from and where we are now, and will help determine where we are going."

Information: Phone Jackie Warledo at 918-742-2125 or write Pat Moss, P.O. Box 612, Tahlequah, OK 74465.

Legislative Overview

How They Voted	NCA 90-25 Consider veto of a bill amending NCA 82-30 to allow suits between branches of government. Bill to override; failed 14 yes, 12 no.	NCA 90-42 Consider veto of a bill naming Stacy McIntosh as manager of the agribusiness. Bill to override; failed 14 yes, 12 no.	NCA 90-44 A bill establishing protection and preservation of ceremonial grounds, sacred sits and Muscogee traditional religion. Bill passed; carried 24 yes, 0 no.	NCA 90-36 A bill waiving sovereign immunity to allow Gary Hardin to file suit. Bill passed; 11 yes, 9 against, 2 abstentions.	NCA 90-35 Appropriation of \$21,400 for Muscogee Festival. Bill passed; 11 yes, 9 against, 2 abstentions.
George Almerigi, Okmulgee	No	No	Yes	Yes	
Richard Berryhill, Wagoner	No	No	Yes	No	
Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Larry Bible, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Eugene Birdcreek, Okfuskee	No	No	Yes	No	
Johnson Buck, Hughes	No	No	Did not vote	Did not vote	
Robert Buck, Hughes	No	No	Yes	No	
Mose Cahwee, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ken Childers, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Did not vote	Did not vote	Did not vote
Helen Chupco, Muskogee	No	No	Yes	No	
Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Did not vote	
Clarence Cloud, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Did not vote	
Helen Duncan, Wagoner	No	No	Yes	No	
Bill Fife, Okfuskee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ed Frye, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee	No	No	Yes	No	
Tony Hale, Okmulgee	No	No	Yes	No	
Mae Jackson, Okfuskee	No	No	Yes	Abstain	
Clyde Johnson, Okfuskee	No	No	Yes	No	
Frank Kamp, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Charlie Litsey, Okmulgee	No	No	Yes	No	
Harley Little, Muskogee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tommy Newton, McIntosh	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Tom Pickering, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Donna Rhodes, Tulsa	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Earl Wheeler, Creek	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Jerry Wilson, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	
Thomas Yahola, Hughes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

90-38 Appropriating \$2,500 for the 1990 Festival and Rodeo. Bill passed; 17 yes, 1 abstention.	NCA 90-51 Appropriating \$2,500 to Vicki Camp for travel expenses. Bill passed, 19 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain.	NCA 90-43 Appropriating \$401,000 to supplement higher education scholarship program. Bill passed; 20 yes, 1 no.	NCA: 90-42 A bill naming Stacy McIntosh manager of the Creek Nation Agribusiness. Bill passed; 14 yes, 13 no.
Yes	Yes	Yes	No
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Yes	Did not vote	Yes	Yes
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Council OKs \$400,000 education bill

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE — The National Council appropriated nearly half a million dollars of bingo revenues for higher education at its regular session May 19.

The appropriation is \$401,000, which will supplement the higher education scholarship program. Tulsa representative Jerry Wilson said "education ought to be the priority for the tribe" but expressed concern for dwindling tribal revenues.

"(The Council) did not cut a penny for one program," Wilson said. "(But) when you're paying the government, the more money it spends.

"Expenses are up and income down. The end result is less services to the people."

Wilson cited bureaucracy at the federal and tribal levels as one cause of the revenue shrinkage.

Though Public Law 638 gave the tribe administrative responsibilities for various programs, the money for the program must first be appropriated by the U.S. Congress and processed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs before the tribe receives funds.

Tribal officials said more students are being processed for funding than ever before and that Bureau of Indian Affairs monies have been reduced.

Scholarship officer Chenenna Davis said her office received 584 applications and awarded 526 of those.

"We're receiving calls from students in California, Massachusetts and all over the country inquiring about the scholarships," Davis said. "The easing of blood quantum restrictions has increased the number of applicants."

Neither the BIA or the Creek Nation have blood quantum requirements for scholarships.

Davis said BIA funds for the scholarship program were cut \$260,000 because of the Gramm-Rudman federal deficit reduction act.

Besides the increasing number of applicants, fall semesters at most colleges and universities will begin before the fiscal year 1991 begins Oct. 1. Consequently, supplemental funding was needed for those students beginning school in September.

In other Council action:

— approved a bill establishing protection and preservation of Creek ceremonial grounds, sacred sites and ceremonial religion;

— appropriated \$21,475 for the 1990 Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo;

— appropriated \$2,500 to defray travel expenses for Vicki Camp, a basketball player at Haskell Junior College chosen to tour the Soviet Union;

— waived sovereign immunity to allow Gary Hardin, an independent contractor, to file a breach of contract suit in tribal court against the tribe.

The Council met earlier for a special session concerning the agribusiness operation.

The next regular session of the Council is June 30 in the Mound Auditorium at the tribal complex in Okmulgee.

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Powwows

'90 Tulsa Powwow to honor founder during 39th run

TULSA — The 39th annual Tulsa Indian Powwow scheduled Aug. 9-12 will be dedicated to founder Kenneth Anquoe.

Anquoe, a Kiowa, died in November. Chairing this year's event will be Anquoe's brother, Leonard Mark. Jim Anquoe, Kenneth's older brother, will be general manager.

More than 100,000 are expected to attend the powwow, which will be at Mohawk Park. Also scheduled are an all-Indian rodeo, all-Indian golf tournament, 10-kilometer run, church services, trade fair and arts and crafts village.

The head staff, tribe and responsibilities:

- Joe Rice, Pawnee/Sac & Fox, and Eric Tootoois, Cree, master of ceremonies;
- Gene Aboah, head southern singer;
- Abraham Primeaux, Pawnee/Otoe/Sac & Fox/Ponca, head fancy dancer;
- Kim Chaske, Canada, head fancy shawl;
- Jackie Tsonetokoy, Kiowa, princess;
- Darrell Goodwill, Dakota, head grass dancer;
- Terry Fiddler, Standing Rock Sioux, head northern traditional;
- Pat Copenface, Ojibway, head jingle dress;
- Jody Tiddark, Comanche/Gros Ventre, head lady dancer;
- Eddie Littleky, Ogala Sioux; Charlie Soap, Cherokee; Tommie Muskrat, Cherokee; Kenny Merrick, Devils Lake Sioux; arena directors.

This year's board of trustees: William Anquoe, Mayor's Commission on Indian Affairs; George Bragg, chairman of Sooner Federal; Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of Creek Nation; J.T. Goombi, chairman of the Kiowa Tribe; State Sen. Maxine Horner, Tulsa; Juanita Learned, chairperson of the Arapaho tribe; Wilma Mankiller, Principal Chief of Cherokee Nation; Dwain Midget, executive assistant to the Mayor of Tulsa; Tulsa's Mayor Rodger Randle; Dr. Rennard Strickland, professor of law at the University of Oklahoma; Nathan H. Young, Tahlequah attorney; and Jack Zarrow, Tulsa.

Information: Tulsa Powwow Club Inc., P.O. Box 722, Tulsa, OK 74101 or call 918-585-1260.

Perkins, June 15-17

PERKINS — Powwow dancers in five categories will be featured June 15-17 at the Iowa Tribe's annual powwow. Categories include senior men, senior women, junior boys, junior girls and tiny tots. Registration begins at 7 p.m. Friday. Master of ceremonies: Joe Rice of the Otoe/Pawnee/Sac & Fox. Information: Contact Christie Modlin at the Iowa Tribal Office, 405-547-2402.

Ponca City, June 1-3

PONCA CITY — Powwow dancers can compete for \$9,600 in prize money at the first annual Narconon-Chilocco Powwow June 1-3. The powwow will be at the Narconon-Chilocco New Life Center, 23 miles north of here on Oklahoma 177 highway. Dancers will compete in eight divisions. Jim Kemble, a Ponca-Creek, will serve as head war/dance singer.

In Brief

Creek earns award at Dartmouth

HANOVER, N.H. — Geoffrey Blackwell, Creek citizen, was named the Samson Occom Outstanding Minority Scholar at Dartmouth College. Blackwell, the son of M. Sharon Anquoe and Will Anquoe and Charles W. Blackwell of Washington, D.C., is a junior at Dartmouth, majoring in political science and international relations. This award is named for the first American Indian graduate of Dartmouth College and is presented each year by a private trust founded by Occom's Class of 1911. Blackwell was employed by Creek Nation last fall in the Department of Realty before returning to school. He will join the Washington staff of U.S. Sen. David Boren as a summer intern in June.



Geoffrey Blackwell

Eufaula pianist gets top rating

EUFAULA — Chrissy McIntosh, a junior at Eufaula High School, achieved a rating of excellent at the Oklahoma Music Teachers Association meeting. The rating qualified McIntosh to advance to state competition. Auditions were held at Parkview School for the Blind in Muskogee. McIntosh, the daughter of Abe and Marilyn McIntosh, has been taking piano lessons for more than five years, the past three with Carolyn Stauffer.



Chrissy McIntosh

Princess attends N.M. powwow

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Creek Nation 1990 Princess Janita Screechowl of Sapulpa represented the tribe at the Gathering of Nations Powwow re-

cently. Screechowl also attended the third annual American Indian Week celebration at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Club names Creek teen princess

WEWOKA — Mistie Dawn Wind, Creek/Cherokee/Seminole, was named the 1990 Princess for the Oklahoma Inter-Tribal Association Powwow Club. Wind, 14, attends Butner School in Cromwell where she is president of her class. She also plays basketball, cheerleads and is in the 4-H Club. Her parents are Zelma and Jesse Wind Jr.



Mistie Wind

OSU coed new Miss Indian Tulsa

TULSA — Marcy Skeeter, Creek/Yuchi, has been selected the new Miss Indian Tulsa VII. Skeeter is a student at Oklahoma State University.

Reunions

Seneca Indian School

WYANDOTTE — The Seneca Indian School Alumni Reunion will be June 2 at the Wyandotte Tribal Center. Information: Contact Lura Grayson, 822 N. Irvington, Tulsa, OK 74115 or call 918-838-7070.

Chilocco Indian School

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Chilocco Indian School Alumni Reunion will be June 7-10 at the Lincoln Plaza Hotel. Information: Contact Willie Ahdunko, 4200 LaVerne Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73135.

Coker-Hale families

EUFAULA — The Coker-Hale reunion will be June 9 at Gentry Creek State Park near Lake Eufaula. All relatives and friends of the late Gibson and Emma Coker and the late Jasper and Maggie Hale are invited to attend. Activities: Horseshow throw and volleyball games. All events start at 11 a.m. with lunch at noon.

McIntosh-King-Johnson families

BRAGGS — The families of Ella Scott Taylor Hicks McIntosh, Edith Scott Deere King and Yana Scott Johnson will have a reunion June 16 at Greenleaf State Park. Information: 918-485-4327

Red Earth Festival activities feature variety

OKLAHOMA CITY — Special dance presentations from a variety of tribes will be among the featured activities June 8-10 at Red Earth Festival.

Red Earth is produced by Red Earth, Inc., a private non-profit organization for the preservation of American Indian culture through art. Red Earth consists of several cultural and traditional activities at the Myriad Convention Center.

Dance performances will Friday and Saturday, beginning at 7 p.m. Intertribal dancing will be held at 9 p.m. No admission charge for the 9 p.m. dances.

A parade will open activities at 11:30 a.m. June 8 in downtown Oklahoma City. Also scheduled: craft workshops, artist demonstrations, film and video showcase and the Red Earth Run.

The Red Earth Run will be at the Myriad Gardens,

beginning 8 a.m. June 9. An eight-kilometer and 1-mile fun run will be open to participants of all ages.

Other related events:

— Benefit art auction, 7 p.m., June 7, Sheraton-Century Ballroom, 405-427-5228;

— Fashion Drums of Red Earth style show and luncheon, noon June 9, Sheraton-Century Hotel, 405-946-4491;

— Third Annual Sovereignty Symposium, June 5-7, 405-521-3841; — Association of American Cultures, Open Dialogue IV, June 7-10, 202-727-4083;

— Red Earth Writers Conference, June 11-12, Remington Land Inn, workshops and lectures, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 405-427-5228.

Information: Red Earth Office, 428 W. California, P.O. Box 25866, Oklahoma City, OK 73125.

Class of '90

Nicole Barnett, Coweta HS

COWETA — Nicole Barnett was named valedictorian of the 1990 senior class at Coweta High School. Barnett maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout high school. She has been a member of the Coweta Sweepstakes Band for seven years and member of the All-Region band for four years. Barnett is a three-year member of the National Honor Society and Oklahoma Honor Society, a member of Students Against Drunk Driving for two years and Future Business Leaders for two years. She served on the Student Council for two years. She was selected student of the month by the local Optimist Club. Barnett plans to attend Tulsa Junior College and then the University of Tulsa or Northeastern State University to major in business administration. She is the daughter of Karen Barnett of Tulsa and Austin Barnett Jr. of Tulsa.



Natalie S. Garrett, Preston HS

PRESTON — Natalie S. Garrett, a Creek citizen, was named salutatorian of the 1990 senior class at Preston High School. Garrett's grade point average on a 4.0 scale was 3.81. She is member of the Oklahoma Honor Society and has been on the superintendent's and principal's honor rolls for four years. Also, she was senior class president and listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. She also played on the school's 1988 state championship basketball team. She placed second in the Oklahoma Tournament of Academic Champions in 1989. Garrett plans to attend the University of Tulsa and then to medical school at the University of Oklahoma or Baylor University. Garrett is the daughter of T. Patrick Garrett Jr. of Muskogee and Lillian Thomas of Okmulgee.



Rachelle Simpson, Raytown South

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Rachael Michelle Simpson, 17, plans to enroll in college and pursue a degree in child therapy in the fall. Simpson, a full-blood Creek, graduated from Raytown South High School and also plans to take summer college courses. Simpson is the daughter of Rose and Joe Sulphur of Kansas City and William Simpson, also of Kansas City.



Richard Wayne Scott, Okmulgee HS

OKMULGEE — Richard Wayne Scott graduated from Okmulgee High School and plans to attend college. He has participated in volleyball, Indian Club and track at OHS.

Congratulations to all 1990 graduates

We are proud and happy to celebrate this memorable occasion with you. May God bless this event and continue to guide and direct you in this, the beginning of new experiences.

The Creek Nation has been a leader in education and had the highest number of high school graduates of any recognized tribe in the United States, according to the 1980 Census.

Education for our people still ranks as a No. 1 priority, and it gives me great pleasure to recognize our 1990 graduates.

Principal Chief Claude A. Cox



Richard Scott



Yancy Bear



Thetah Ann Butler



Sunrise-in-the-morning

Yancy Bear, Wilson HS

HENRYETTA — Yancy Andrew Bear plans to attend Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton. Bear, son of Rachel Rameriz, graduated from Wilson School May 18. In four years at Wilson, Bear played basketball and baseball and was a Future Farmers of America member. He was named Charolais Showman of the State his junior year.

Thetah Ann Butler, Midwest City HS

MIDWEST CITY — Thetah Ann Butler, Creek/Seminole/Otoe, graduated from Midwest City High School. Butler played basketball three years for the school and was selected basketball princess this past season. She is the daughter of Charles Butler.



Kimberly Doyle



Kelly Ray Jackson

Sunrise-in-the-morning Tiger-Ross Coweta HS

COWETA — Sunrise-in-the-morning Tiger-Ross graduated from Coweta High School. Tiger-Ross, married to Nick Ross, participated in all sports while at Coweta High School. She is the daughter of Joseph Tiger of Tulsa and Frances Walker of Oklahoma City.

Kimberly Doyle, Eufaula HS

EUFULA — Kimberly Lynn Doyle plans to attend Connors State College in Warner this fall. Doyle graduated from Eufaula High School where she was listed on the Principal's Honor Roll. Doyle, Creek, is the daughter of Eugene and Redia Doyle of Eufaula.



Julie Deanna Sanders



William Wind

Kelly Ray Jackson, Muskogee HS

MUSKOGEE — Kelley Ray Jackson, 17, will graduate from Muskogee High School and attend Bacone College to major in music. Jackson, the son of Louie and Kathleen Jackson, is a member of the Fife United Methodist Church in Muskogee.

Julie Deanna Sanders, Henryetta HS

HENRYETTA — Julie Deann Saunders has received a \$1,000 scholarship from the University of Oklahoma under the school's Achievement Program. Saunders will attend OU and enter the field of clinical

psychology. A graduate of Henryetta High School, Saunders was a member of the school band and flag captain of the flag corp. She also served as parliamentarian of the VICA Club. Saunders is the daughter of Toby and Phyllis Davis of Henryetta.

William Allen Wind, Wewoka HS

WEOKWA — William Allen Wind recently enlisted in the United States Navy Guaranteed for Training at the Navy's Hospital Corpsman School. Wind, a 1990 graduate of Butner School in Cromwell, will report to Recruit Training Center in Great Lakes Ill. on the Navy's Delayed Entry Program.

Conference minister: Methodists face issues

By TOMMY CUMMINGS
Communications Director

When asked, the Rev. Dufrane Cummings admits two pressing issues face the Methodist ministry.



Dufrane Cummings

One: Fewer younger people are entering the ministry, and;

Two: The denomination is becoming less conservative.

"We're becoming a large denomination so it's important we address these issues that face us," said Cummings, pastor of Sandy Plains Methodist Church in Pembroke, N.C.

Cummings will be the featured preacher at the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference June 7-10 in Antlers. The conference, expected to attract representatives from 101 churches in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas, will be at the Southeast District Center campground.

STATE CONFERENCE

WHAT: Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.

WHEN: Begins 2 p.m. June 7, concludes noon June 10.

WHERE: Antlers, Okla.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Layity Night (open night for singers, musical groups, etc), 7 p.m., June 9; Youth Banquet, 5:30 to 7 p.m., June 10, Oliver Inn, Antlers (tickets: \$5, available at campground).

The conference's theme will be "Faith: Alive, Affirmation, Action." The three-day conference will consist mostly of routine business and committee meetings.

Cummings, of the Lumbee tribe, serves on the Native American International Caucus, the General Commission on Religion and Race and the General Board of Global Ministries.

Getting younger persons into the clergy is often discussed by these panels, Cummings.

"I've found that it has to be dealt with by each local church," Cummings said. "Local churches should address the needs and encourage young people to consider their gifts. And then these young people need to pursue that kind of work."

"Local churches and state conferences need to help make opportunities available, with appointments, with help with finances and seminary training."

Cummings entered the ministry when he was 31. He said he can relate to younger people who may be considering entering the ministry.

"I think going to seminary school inhibits some but there's ways around that; a lot can go to pastoral summer schools," he said.

Something has to be done because "a lot of the older pastors are retiring and we don't have an equal number of younger ones taking their place," he said.

As for getting back to a more conservative approach, Cummings said the denomination needs to revert back to more Biblical doctrines and become more inclusive.

"Personally, I'd like to see us move in the direction of the Wesleyan teachings," he said. "Doing this is just a matter of becoming more Biblical in our teachings."

In Brief

Little Coweta to celebrate 105th

EUFAULA — Little Coweta Indian Baptist Church will celebrate its 105th anniversary June 1-3. Guest speakers include Clayton Anna and Leslie Clark June 1, Richard Pickup and Ernest Best June 2 and Gary Hawkins and Josh Harjo June 3. Services begin at 7 p.m. June 1-2 and 10 a.m. June 3. Public is invited.

Cold Springs to host singing, VBS

KONAWA — Leroy King of Big Cypress, Fla., will be featured at an annual singing at Cold Springs Baptist Assembly Grounds June 2-3. Singing starts at 7 p.m. June 2; 10 a.m. June 3. Dinner will be served.

Also, Cold Springs Baptist Church will be host to a revival and Vacation Bible School June 5-8. The Rev. Tom Bear Jr. will be the evangelist for the revival, which begins nightly at 7 p.m. VBS hours: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Lunch will be served and transportation provided. The assembly ground is located three miles east of here on Oklahoma 39.

Birdcreek gospel singing June 16

SASAKWA — Birdcreek Baptist Church will host its fifth annual gospel singing June 16 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Master of ceremonies: Eastman Factor. Concessions will be available and all performances are open to singers. Location: 3-and-a-half miles west of Sasakwa on Oklahoma 56 and one-half mile south.

Pickett Chapel VBS begins June 18

SAPULPA — Pickett Chapel will hold its annual Vacation Bible School June 18-22 with classes for children, youth and adults from 7 to 9 p.m. Commencement exercises, featuring a puppet show will be Saturday at 10 a.m. Selena Watashe is VBS director.

Springtown to host district meeting

BROKEN ARROW — Springtown Methodist Church will host the Northeast District Senior Methodist Camp Meeting June 29-July 1. The church



Photo by Tommy Cummings

Shelly Frank gets fitted for earrings by Lowina Frank at the Northeast District Arts and Crafts Fair in Preston. Looking on is Josephine Deere and infant Sukey Deere.

also will conduct a Vacation Bible School July 16-20, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Pastor is the Rev. Newman Frank Sr.

Memorial gospel singing July 20-21

HOLDENVILLE — The annual Frank and Nathan Buck, Jr. Memorial All Night Gospel Singing will be July 20-21 at Buck Memorial Park. The park is one mile west on Spaulding Road and two miles south of Holdenville. Both sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free with concessions and comfort facilities available. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Motel and RV space available. Call: 405-379-5172 or 405-379-7493 after 6 p.m. for more information.

Springfield gospel singing July 21

OKEMAH — The Psalms Quartet of Stilwell will be featured at the Springfield Methodist Church's annual

gospel singing July 21. Singing will begin at 7:30 p.m. Other featured performers: Country Gospel, Berryhill Quartet, New Life-Oklaoma City, Psalms Trio and Larry Harrison. The church is located two miles south, four miles east and one mile south of the Okemah exit off Interstate 40. Emcee: Brian Redbone.

First Indian Baptist to put on VBS

OKMULGEE — First Indian Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School June 11-15 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. with classes for all ages.

The church is located at 320 N. Mission. Sunday services include Sunday school at 10 a.m., worship service at 11, discipleship training class at 6 p.m. with the evening worship at 7. The Rev. Kellos Walker is pastor.

In Brief

Training graduates acquire jobs

OKMULGEE — Five former Creek Nation Employment and Training program graduates have secured jobs. They include:

- Myrna James, Porter, medical assistant graduate from Bryan Institute of Tulsa, employed at Pace-setter Occupational Health in Broken Arrow;
- Billy Barnes, Okmulgee, Electronic Engineering Technology graduate, employed at REDA of Bartlesville;
- JaWanda Williams, Hitchita, Virgil's Beauty College graduate, employed at Cost Cutters, Muskogee.

— Phyllis Williams, Muskogee, medical institute graduate from Bryan Institute, employed at St. Francis Home Health, Tulsa;

— Miranda White, Eufaula, degree as registered nurse, Connors State College, employed at Valley View Regional Hospital, Ada.

The Employment and Training Administration assists persons in receiving training for various technical fields of study.

Thlopthlocco to host tournament

OKEMAH — A co-ed volleyball tournament is scheduled June 9 at the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town Complex. Entry deadline: June 7. Entry fee: \$35. Awards: first- and second-place team trophies and T-shirts. To enter, call: 918-623-0419 (8 a.m.-6 p.m.) or 918-623-

1255 after 8:30 p.m. Thlopthlocco also will be host to bingo June 9 at 1 p.m. A 21-game pack will sell for \$3.50. Also, a horseshoe tournament with trophies given to first and second place will be played at 4 p.m.

Holdenville center seeks entries

HOLDENVILLE — Holdenville Indian Community Center will be host to a coed volleyball tournament July 6-7. Entry fee: \$35. Eight-team limit. Deadline: June 30. Call: 405-379-3595 or 405-379-2090 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To send in news, write: Muscogee Nation News, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Send us church news, please

The Muscogee Nation News still would like to hear from representatives from the various churches with Creek Nation's tribal boundaries. If you don't see your church, contact the MNN anyway so your church can be added to the list. Every month, our goal will be to contact each church's contact person and list scheduled activities. Events can range from revivals, singings, special services, etc.

Return the following coupon or call the Muscogee Nation News at 918-756-8700, Ext. 312, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Church list

- Alabama Baptist
- Artusee Baptist
- Bemo Baptist
- Big Arbor Baptist
- Big Cussetah Methodist
- Bowen Indian Baptist
- Broken Arrow Methodist
- Butler Baptist
- Cedar Creek Baptist
- Cedar Creek Baptist of Coweta
- Cedar River Baptist
- Choska Methodist
- Concharty Methodist
- Creek Chapel Methodist
- Davis Chapel Methodist
- Deep Fork Hillabee Baptist
- Fife Memorial Methodist
- First United Methodist
- Grant Methodist Chapel
- Grave Creek Baptist
- Greenleaf Baptist
- Haikay Creek Methodist
- Hickory Ground Baptist No. 1
- Hickory Ground Baptist No. 2
- High Spring Baptist
- Hillabee Indian Baptist
- Honey Creek Methodist
- Hutchacuppa Baptist
- X-Little Coweta Baptist
- Little Cussetah Methodist
- Little Quarsarty Baptist
- Living Word Fellowship Ministry
- Many Springs Baptist
- Middle Creek No. 1 Baptist
- Middle Creek No. 2 Baptist
- Montezuma Baptist
- Morning Star Ministries Inc.

Muscogee, Seminole and Wichita Association

- Muttloke Methodist
- Newtown Methodist
- New Arbor Baptist
- Northeast District Center (Methodist)
- Nuyaka Indian Baptist
- X-Oakhurst Indian Fellowship Baptist
- Okfuskee Baptist
- Okmulgee Fundamental Indian Baptist
- X-Okmulgee First Indian Baptist
- Peach Grove Independent Methodist
- Pecan Grove Independent Methodist
- Randall Baptist Mission
- X-Salt Creek Baptist
- Salt Creek Methodist
- Sand Creek Baptist
- Silver Springs Baptist
- Snake Creek Baptist
- Spring Field Methodist
- Springtown Methodist
- Tallahassee Independent Methodist
- Thewhale Baptist
- Tholopthlocco Methodist
- Tookparfka Baptist
- Trenton Baptist
- Tuckabatchee Independent Methodist
- Tuskegee Baptist
- Weogufkee Baptist
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- West Eufaula Baptist
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- Yardeka Baptist
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Any church representative can complete and return by mail to the Muscogee Nation News, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee OK 74447.

Name of church _____

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Help wanted

Department head

Oklahoma State University
Technical Branch, Okmulgee.
Position: Department head, diesel and heavy equipment technology.
Status: Faculty/Departmental Management.
Salary: Open.
Application deadline: 4:30 p.m., Friday, June 8.
Start date: July 2, 1990.
Position function: Overall management and leadership of the day and evening educational programs in the Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technology Department. Programs comprise college credit course work at the associate degree level.

Responsibilities: Works closely with faculty in the formulation, justification and implementation and of: course and program revisions, instructional materials and equipment, student performance evaluation, academic and career counseling, industrial advisory committee activities, student recruitment, and faculty professional development programs.

Is directly responsible for faculty recruitment, evaluation and status recommendations of faculty assignments and supervision; enforcement of academic standards; inventory, maintenance and security of facilities; advisory committee scheduling and accommodations; graduate employment assistance; and budget management and overall departmental promotion. Coordinates with the Office of Academic Affairs, Office of Continuing Education, Admissions and Counseling Center, Business and Finance Offices, Learning Resources Center, and Registrar's Office on matters relevant to these offices.

The Department Head is directly responsible to the Director.

Minimum qualifications: At

least three years of documented successful work experience. The work experience may be acquired in the diesel industry (mechanics, service, management), education or a combination of both. Bachelor's degree required. Proven leadership qualities with adeptness in oral and written communications. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Successful applicant must comply with IRCA regulations.

Other preferences: Advanced postsecondary course work (master's degree preferred), business seminars, or related educational experiences in management, leadership and marketing.

Application: Personnel Services Office, Administration Building, Suite B, 918-756-6211, Ext. 254.

Religion

Best newsletter available

The Rev. Ernest Best of Deeres Chapel invites all his followers to receive his monthly newsletter. It's available by writing Ernest Best, P.O. Box 31, Eufaula, OK 74432 or by calling 918- 689-7880.

Public notice

Hearing on block grant

NOTICE: Public hearing on block grant scheduled June 4, 1990.

A hearing concerning Creek Nation's proposed Fiscal Year '91 Community Service Block Grant application and scope of activities will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 4, at the Creek Nation Elderly Nutrition Dining Hall, Okmulgee.

The purpose of the meeting is to solicit comment on the proposed application. The Creek Nation Office of Community Affairs will conduct the hearing.

Jerome Christopher Tiger

MUSKOGEE — Jerome Christopher Coleman Tiger, 22, of Muskogee died May 9. Services were May 12 in the Bradley Belltower Chapel with Dr. Sue Ellen Read officiating. The Rev. Tommy Phillips conducted a portion of the service in Creek and Linda Epperly read "A Poem To An Athlete Dying Young." Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery in Eufaula. Tiger was born July 29, 1967 in Muskogee to Jerome and Peggy Tiger. His father, Jerome, preceded him in death in 1967. Survivors: his mother, Peggy of the home; an uncle, Johnny Tiger Jr. of Muskogee; brothers Joseph, Sean and David Tiger of Muskogee; sisters, Dana and Lisa Tiger of Muskogee; John and Lucinda Tiger of Muskogee; and his fiancée, Gretchen Johnson of Muskogee. Pallbearers: Kevin Charboneau, Rodney Hawkins, Aaron Robbins, Joey Tiger, Kely Briggs, Jimbo Yandell and Kevin Wait. Honorary pallbearers: Steve Davis, Steve Smith, Jack Osburn, Freeman Mitchell, Richard Palmer, Dr. Tom Luker, John Ellis, Kenny and Kelly Bond.

Susan Vann Logan

MUSKOGEE — Susan Vann Logan, 69, of Muskogee died April 20 after a lengthy illness. Services were April 24 at the Catholic Church of the Assumption with Father Patrick Gaalaas officiating. Burial was in the Grayson Cemetery in Oktaha. Pallbearers: John Baker Logan III, James Lee Logan, Antonio Jackson, Little Jim Squirrel Jr., Michael Washington and Don Waldron. Honorary pallbearers: Eugene Logan, Perry Logan, Gabe Logan, James Wiedel and George Wiedel. Mrs. Logan was born Sept. 3, 1920, in Muskogee to the late Joseph and Annie Bullet Vann. Logan had a lifelong affiliation with the Assumption Catholic Church, Muskogee African Violet Society and Tulsa African Violet Society. Survivors: one sister, Nancy Logan; one brother, James M. Vann; seven children, John Baker Logan Jr., Linda Jo Williams, Leona Mae Rossback, Diana Jean Martin, Edith Pauline Morgan, Lucille Imogene Squirrel and Sandra Katherine Tiger; 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Daniel Vincent Tommaney

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — Daniel Vincent Tommaney, 72, died April 21 at his home in Bakersfield. Graveside services were held April 25 in Greenlawn Memorial Park with the Rev. Mike Braun officiating. Tommaney was born in Eufaula, Okla., Oct. 14, 1917. He graduated from Chilocco Indian School and attended the University of Oklahoma. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. In 1946, Tommaney made his home in Bakersfield where he joined the business community as a plumbing contractor. He retired in 1972. Tommaney was preceded in death by his wife, Vina, in 1988. Survivors: two brothers, John E. Tommaney of Fairfield and Michael A. Tommaney of Covina.

Lorena Thompson Minyard

HENRYETTA — Lorena Thompson Minyard, 79, of the Salem community died March 29. Funeral services were held April 2 at Salem Baptist Church with the Rev. Woody officiating. Burial was in the Salem Cemetery. Pallbearers were her grandsons: John Minyard, Stephen Minyard, Lendy Allen, Mark Allen, Timmy Kinney and Perry Blankenship (representing Terry Minyard, who was out of state). Mrs. Minyard was born March 15, 1911, at Henryetta, the daughter of Thomas Thompson and Martha Fields. She married Nealy Frank Minyard, became a homemaker and lived in Okmulgee County all her life. She was preceded in death by a brother, Russell, 1922; another

brother, Richard, 1931; her father, 1931; her mother, 1933; another brother Robert, 1933; another brother, William, 1933; a half-sister, Stella Sands, 1941; and her husband, 1982. Survivors: three daughters, Lou Joe Kinney of the home; Charlena Dunlap of Beggs; and Billie Sue Allen of Anadarko; three sons, Jerry Minyard of the home; Tony Minyard of Salem; and Thomas Minyard of Taft, Calif.; four granddaughters and four great-grandchildren.

Christopher Chisholm

PRESTON — Christopher Clay Chisholm, 15, of Preston died April 30. Services were held at Buchanan Memorial Chapel May 2 with the Rev. Mike Harjo and the Rev. Bunny Hill officiating. Funeral services were held at the Preston High School Gymnasium May 3 with the Rev. Jim Waller and the Rev. Adrian Jacobs officiating. Chisholm was a student at Preston Junior High School, played basketball and was listed on the student honor roll. He was a member of the Victory Christian Center in Tulsa. Survivors: his father and mother, Frank and Linda Chisholm of the home; one brother, Frank Eugene Chisholm; two sisters, Bonnie and Crystal Chisholm; one nephew, Charles Justin Brown, all of the home. Maternal grandparents are Rebecca Autaubo and the late George C. Autaubo of Okmulgee; maternal grandfather Johnny J. Asbury of Henryetta; paternal grandmother Winona Williams of Lawton; and paternal grandfather Frank B. Chisholm of Shawnee. Honorary pallbearers: Chisholm's eighth-grade coach, John Cunningham, and the eighth-grade team.



Patterson Lowe

SAPULPA — Patterson M. Lowe, 77, of Sapulpa died May 6 at Barlett Memorial Medical Center. Services were held May 10 at Little Cussetah Baptist Church with the Rev.s Willis Knight, Jonas Partridge and Jake Wildcat officiating. Burial was at Little Cussetah Baptist Cemetery. Lowe was born June 25, 1912 to John Herman Lowe and Rhoda Wesley Lowe. Lowe worked as a glass blower for Liberty Glass before retiring in 1974. He lived in Sapulpa 57 years after moving from Sapulpa. He was a member of Little Cussetah Baptist Church, baptized Oct. 29, 1933 and active in the choir. Lowe was of the wind clan and from the tribal town of Greenleaf. He was preceded in death by daughter LaJunta Jean Lowe Delaware, his first wife Linda Lowe and his second wife Nancy Lowe. Survivors: one daughter, Louella Jean Washington of Arlington, Va., grandson Rodney Delaware of the home; two cousins, Lucy Mae Gibson of Tahlequah and Marcellus Williams of Albuquerque, N.M.; nephew Sonny Robert Herrod Jr. of Okemah; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a step-daughter, Virginia Van Delsum. Pallbearers: Randy Cleveland, T.J. Larney, Joey Starkey, Jerry Harjo, Wiley Washington, Harold Naylor and Doug Freeman. Honorary pallbearers: Woodrow Perry, Willie Beaver, Willie Watashe, Phillip Coon, Lawrence Watashe and Joe Rugers.

David Chief Harjo

WETUMKA — David Chief Harjo, 67, died April 8. Services were April 10 at Sand Creek Baptist Church near Okemah with the Revs. J.B. Fish and Mose Scott officiating. Harjo was buried in the Wetumka Cemetery. Harjo was born Sept. 10, 1922 in Wetumka to

Thanks

Lorena Minyard family

The family of Lorena Thompson Minyard wishes to express sincere appreciation and heart-felt thanks to each of you who extended love, kindness and friendship with your prayers, food, flowers, calls, cards and visits since the death of her mother. Your thoughtfulness is sincerely and deeply appreciated.

Lana Francis family

The family of Lana Francis wants to express its most sincere gratitude to everyone who showed kindness with their love, flowers, food, calls, money and presence during the loss of its beloved mother. Also special thanks to the Artussee members, Tuskegee choir and the Cherokee trio who sang specials. Thanks to the Rev. Bunny Soweka for officiating and all the other speakers who were present.

Christopher Chisholm family

Frank and Linda Chisholm and family thank everyone for their support, flowers, prayers, food, words of comfort and financial help during the loss of their son Christopher. The family also thanks Preston School and Okmulgee Indian Community for use of their facilities; Dee Fleming, Kathy and Vince Polen, David Gable for the beautiful songs; the Revs. Jim Waller, Adrian Jacobs, Jerry Frank, Negiel Bigpond, Bunny Hill and Mike Harjo for the words of comfort during the services; Robert Kahbeah for preparing the grave site; Frenetta Powell and others for preparing the food; and Morning Star Ministries for arranging the meal.

Bunny and Betsey Fife Harjo. David Chief Harjo attended Bacone College in Muskogee and the Mexico (Mo.) Military Academy. He married Marie Thatcher at Vian in 1942. He served as senior instructor at the United States Army's Camp Walter in Texas from 1943-46. He worked at the American Zink Plant until 1969 when he moved to Wetumka. He was preceded in death by his mother, father and three brothers, Doc, Joe and Jake. Survivors: his wife, Marie, of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, David and Rhonda Harjo of Norman; one brother, Shot Harjo of Wetumka; a sister, Elouise Proctor of Wetumka and one grand-daughter.

Rickey Lee Burgess

HENRYETTA — Ricky Lee Burgess, 41, of Henryetta, died May 17 at Henryetta Medical Center. Services were May 19 at Little Cussetah Church with the Rev. George Christy officiating. Burial was in the Salt Creek Cemetery near Wilson. Burgess was born May 16, 1949, in Sapulpa to Hughes and Artie Burgess. He was a self-employed carpenter. Survivors: wife Mary of the home, his parents and a sister, Beverly Hughes of Sapulpa. Pallbearers: Lonnie Christy, Elmer Burgess, Tom Collier, Dan Sherwood,

Wetumka schedules revival in June

WETUMKA — The Rev. Fred Lindsey of the Big Cypress Reservation in Clewiston, Fla., will be featured June 13-16 at the Wetumka Indian Baptist Church Revival. Nightly programs begin at 7:30. Special music will be provided by song leader Susie Lindsey. The church is located 1.25 miles south of Wetumka on Oklahoma 75, then 1.5 miles east.

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been the original purpose of the festival but it has evolved into a weekend of sports and fellowships with the main attractions being the rodeo and the men's fastpitch softball tournament.

The rodeo is an all-Indian event sanctioned by the All Indian Rodeo Association of Oklahoma. Several tribes, particularly from the western United States, are represented.

At one time the rodeo was held at the Sundown Arena in Henryetta and was sponsored by the Creek Nation Rodeo Club. With the construction of the Omnplex on tribal land in Okmulgee in 1984 the rodeo moved to its present location. Though the Rodeo Club is still active, the Festival Committee is now responsible for its sponsorship.

The 1990 festival budget reflects the significance of the rodeo.

An appropriation of \$20,400 was made for the rodeo with \$8,200 for prizes. Some of the cost is defrayed by entry fees and Rodeo Club fund raising.

The Creek Nation men's fastpitch tournament is one of the most competitive stops on the softball circuit. Teams from Florida, Kansas, Texas, as well as teams from western Oklahoma make the trip to Okmulgee.

The tournament grew to 40 teams in 1988 and completing the contest at 2 a.m. Monday was not uncommon. The large field required the use of Okmulgee city fields for games. To avoid the late finish and

to keep the tournament on tribal facilities, the tournament began limiting entries to 24.

Tournaments are also held for golf, tennis, volleyball and Olympics for children.

Though each event attracts several teams, the format is not without critics.

Okfuskee district representative Bill Fife said he would like to see each tournament realize a profit or at least break even. At the May Council meeting Fife said "tournaments are held all over the Creek Nation and they make money. Why can't the Festival (tournaments)?"

Muskogee district representative Helen Chupco agreed that the tournaments "should be able to take care of their own expenses" but added that the Festival is an important event for all people.

"It's a festival where lots of people come together. We should be able to (financially) support it."

McIntosh district representative Tom Pickering opposed the appropriation and said the Council should put the festival money to other uses.

"We should take the \$20,000 and buy medication or give it to bingo (employees) rather than throw a big party."

Council members aren't the only people seeing dollar signs when the festival is mentioned.

For Okmulgee merchants, the Festival means tourism. Grocers, restaurants and motels are the primary beneficiaries though the economic impact is felt

throughout the commerce district. Chamber of Commerce president Roy Ehly is quick to acknowledge the economic benefits.

"The first benefit is the direct dollars," Ehly said. "A lot of people from the whole U.S. come to Okmulgee. Its a great asset for the community. The people shop, eat and stay at hotels."

For the seventh consecutive year, Okmulgee scheduled its Pecan Festival the same weekend as the Creek Nation Festival.

This move has irritated some of the committee members, especially since the tribe is a member of the Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce.

It is this reason that the Festival Parade has been moved from its Sixth Street route to the Omnplex.

In meetings, some Festival committee members contend the city and chamber are attempting to capitalize on the Creek Festival's attendance. Last year, the Festival attracted more than 11,000 spectators, according to a Festival committee estimate.

Ehly maintains however, that the Chamber does support the Festival and that the two celebrations benefit the other.

"There is no problem (from the Chamber)," Ehly said. "We felt and I still do feel, (the festivals) complement each other. We get people who come down to the Pecan Festival (from the Creek Festival)."

"We think it is a great event and we support it whole heartedly," Ehly said.

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Tribal Affairs Director Buddy York were named as defendants in the suit. Each of them notified the court by letter that they would not attend the hearing.

The Chief wrote that the higher court waived jurisdiction in the case when it sent the case to district court. The Chief added that he did not recognize Moore as a tribal district judge since Moore's term was extended by ordinance and not by executive order.

York informed the court of his belief that he could not receive due process since the case had been discussed with the Supreme Court Justices before the suit was filed.

Breshears notified the court that he was exercising his rights as a tribal citizen not to participate in the hearing.

Earlier this year, a contract allowing Thomas McIntosh to manage the farm was vetoed by the Chief.

Since January, the agribusiness has operated with Stacy McIntosh as interim manager.

York was named interim manager of the agribusiness by an executive order issued from the Chief on May 4.

That prompted the Council to call a special session May 7. An ordinance naming Stacy McIntosh as interim manager for the remainder of the fiscal year was approved by the Council.

Cox objected to that bill, vetoing it on May 11. In his veto message, Cox wrote the tribe subsidized the operation a total of \$159,905.28 while the business returned only \$18,000 to the tribal treasury in 1989.

Of that tribal subsidy, \$114,905.28 was from federal funds and \$45,000 was from bingo revenues.

Since Oct. 1, 1989, the agribusiness has received \$70,348.33 from federal funds and no profit to the tribe has been declared, according to Cox.

Cox has suggested the agribusiness livestock and equipment be sold and that the land be leased to a tribal citizen.

At the May 19 regular Council session, a motion to override the veto fell six votes short of the required 20.

McIntosh has been a supervisor at the agribusiness for 15 months. Creek representative Clarence Cloud disagreed with the Chief and said past agribusiness management before McIntosh has been incompetent.

"McIntosh has brought this farm up from mud," Cloud said. "We can be proud to say (the business) is a part of the Creek Nation."

Acting as a referee on behalf of the Supreme Court, Judge Moore accepted evidence from the plaintiffs and said he would submit it to the Supreme Court within five working days. A decision from the Supreme Court is expected later in June.

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Blaylock Jones, art instructor at Bacone College. "I don't know know if he would have been as successful as his father because we're talking about two different people.

"Maybe Chris' goal wasn't to be like his father. Maybe he could have surpassed his father in a certain way other than art. I don't know."

Jones, who is familiar with Tiger family art, said she could see the traditional artistic influence of Jerome Tiger and his brother Johnny Jr. in Chris' work.

"Some of the scenes were familiar but they were his style, too. I'd classify it as contemporary but definitely Indian," she said. "You can see an exciting quality to his work. You could tell he was become very serious with his work.

"They were thought-provoking."

One of Chris Tiger's schoolboy friends, Eddie Chuculate, agreed: "His art made you think."

In 1984, Chris Tiger won first- and second-place awards in the painting category at the Statewide Indian Student Art Region I Show at the Muskogee Education Center.

The painting, "Seminole Warrior," won and "Winter Hardship" took second.

In 1985, Tiger's tempera painting "Creek Medicine Maker" received the Tooter Arrington Memorial Award as best of show in the Five Civilized Tribes Museum student art show.

His works are on display at the Tiger Art Gallery in Muskogee along with his father's and those of his sister, Dana Tiger, and his uncle, Johnny Tiger Jr.

As an athlete, Tiger was an all-district linebacker for

the Muskogee High School football team, played at Northeastern State University and was a Golden Gloves/ Amateur Athletic Union champion boxer.

Ironically, police attribute a challenge boxing match to one of the factors that led to the shooting that claimed Tiger's life.

Larry Butcher, 29, of Muskogee was charged with first-degree murder. The shooting took place at the home of Richard Anthony Bennett, a friend of Tiger's. Witnesses told police Tiger and Butcher got into an argument in the house and went outside to slapbox.

Jessie Serrato, a witness, told police he heard a shot and Tiger fell at his feet.

Serrato, also known as Jessie Vinzant, and Bennett were held as material witnesses. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for 10 a.m. July 2.



These Creek Nation Head Start graduates will be winding up the summer in July in preparation for their kindergarten year.

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Photo by John E. Hoover

More than 7,000 attended Muscogee (Creek) Festival '90 and enjoyed events ranging from volleyball to rodeo.

BIA trying to mediate tribal rifts

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

The political dispute between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's National Council and tribal administration attracted a familiar mediator -- the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

During June, BIA officials met twice with tribal leaders in an attempt to iron out disputes between the two branches of tribal government.

At the first meeting, held June 7 in the Muskogee Indian Community Center, BIA officials discussed tribal attorney contracts, listened to tribal officials then defined the agency's role.

At the second meeting, this time held in closed session at the Capitol Complex in Okmulgee 11 days later, BIA representatives met with tribal officials. Again, dialogue centered on tribal attorney contracts.

Any decision to meet again will be left to Okmulgee agency superintendent Jimmy Gibson.

Gibson said the BIA does need to meet again with government officials to address some of the

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Agribusiness stirs controversy

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

HANNA -- Its a serene setting; cattle grazing on a summer day in a pasture just east of town. If not for the signs that say otherwise, the farm would appear to be like any other.

The scene belies the conflict over this operation's existence -- a conflict that has become another battle pitting the Creek Nation tribal administration against the legislative branch with more than cattle at stake.

The executive branch claims the operation has lost more than \$25,000 since August 1989 and that there are problems with the project's accounting procedures that possibly could jeopardize federal monies that are used for the project.

"To make it successful, we have to have significant amounts of money," said Creek Nation Executive Director Gary Breshears. "The tribe needs to react quickly and re-evaluate our position with the agribusiness and get into other economic

ventures." On the other hand, several members of the National Council want to maintain the industry, citing the role of agriculture in Creek culture and history and the current assets of the operation.

Okmulgee district representative Thomas Berryhill said the agribusiness should be maintained for Creek survival and that agribusiness stock are "assets on the hoof" and can be a hedge against the shrinking distribution of federal and "recreational" dollars.

One needs to only look to the tribe's seal and tradition to see the significance of agriculture within Creek Nation. The seal contains a shock of wheat and a plow, symbolizing the legacy of agriculture. And of course, traditionally, the Green Corn Ceremony is not only a time for spiritual renewal, it is thanksgiving for yet another harvest.

But in its 14 years of existence, perhaps no

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Health board to discuss closing clinics for half a day at July meeting

SAPULPA -- Establishing an afternoon for all health and dental clinics to be closed to patients is expected to be among the key items due discussion at the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board's July meeting.

The meeting, open to the public, will be 6:30 p.m., July 30, at the Eufaula Indian Health Clinic.

Currently, all Creek Nation clinics are open Monday through Friday. The board indicated at its June 4 session it wanted to set aside Wednesday afternoon as a day when the clinics would be closed to patients while personnel worked on administrative matters and took time for training.

There was no action on the matter. Shelly Crow, board chairwoman, declined to comment on the proposal and said the matter would be discussed at the July meeting.

Let's follow the rules we established



KEN CHILDERS
NATIONAL COUNCIL
SPEAKER

Throughout world history, every successful endeavor has had rules to abide by. From nations to children's games, there are rules to follow.

Creek Nation rules are created in harmony with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution, which was ap-

proved by the Acting Deputy for the Commission of Indian Affairs and ratified by qualified Creek voters in 1979.

Our Constitution calls for a democracy, with checks and balances for our tribal government. Creek voters determine who represents them as elected officials.

In 1980, after the seating of the elected officials, Creek Nation experienced internal difficulty. Federal District Judge William Bryant ruled after the ratification of our Constitution we were a sovereign nation and should solve our own internal differences.

Before we, as elected or confirmed officials take office, we are required to swear that we will faithfully execute our duties and to the best of our ability uphold the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Virginia Thomas, who served as one of the Creek Nation Constitution Commissioners, visited with me prior to her death. She told me we should never amend the Constitution because everything we as a Nation would ever need was included in this document.

We just needed to follow the Constitution. In recent months, I have read in *The Muscogee Nation News* of other elected officials calling for unity in our tribal government.

I, too, would like to see unity. This can be accomplished by every elected or confirmed official upholding their oath of office and seeing that every person surrounding them follow the Constitution.

The U.S. government has given us a great opportunity to provide for our Creek people. We as elected officials are honored to serve our people.

For us to progress and be a strong and successful nation, we must uphold our oath of office and follow the rules set forth in the Muscogee (Creek) Constitution.

Letters to the editor

The Muscogee Nation News welcomes letters and will publish as many as space permits. Letters may be mailed to the Muscogee Nation News, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK. 74447. Contributors with access to a fax machine may transmit letters by phoning 918-756-3340. Letters must be signed with correct name, mailing address and daytime phone number. Addresses and phone numbers will not be published.

Reader appreciates honest person at festival; likes MNN's format

Editor:

This is a letter of thanks. During the process of Creek Nation Festivities, I lost my purse and experienced the trauma that goes with a loss. The police and the grounds security were all informed.

But as it turned out, it is good to know there are still some honest people. At least there is in one particular person known only to me as Eugene.

I want to express my thankfulness to him for finding my purse and holding it until he found my son to bring it home to me.

I don't have the slightest idea who he is. I do know he has integrity which is to be respected.

I hope this person will recognize the predicament I was in through this paper and contact me soon.

My thanks also go to those security officers and to the police who took my name address and telephone number and encouraged me they would do all they can to try and find my purse.

I'm happy to know there are sincere people and that Creek Nation should take pride in those services they give. It is a lesson for us, those of us who are in public places and at work. We're there because of the needs of our people and that we are their servants. In so many instances that idea and thought is in reverse.

By the way, the change in the style of *The Muscogee Nation News* is nice in layout and easier to read because of the larger typeface and the news coverage seems improved. There are many of us Creeks in Kansas City, Topeka and Lawrence who look forward to the annual festivals but it seems the information, mostly from the MNN media, reaches us too late and by the time we find out about some activities, the events have already taken place. But we're glad to learn about them anyway.

Keep up the good work you're doing as far as the newspaper is concerned. My prayers are for the whole Creek Nation.

Esther Harjo, Lawrence, Kan.

Euchee Mission alum expresses gratitude to Chief, Council, MNN

Editor:

On behalf of all of the Euchee Mission Alumni, we want to thank Claude Cox, the Chief, and all of the Council members for helping us celebrate the ``90'' Euchee Mission Reunion.

All of the ones out of state appreciate the news coverage given by *the MNN*. Mvto.

J.B. Haikey, Pekin, Ill.

Proposal to liquidate agribusiness operation disturbs tribal member

Editor:

I am writing in response to the Creek Nation's recent move to liquidate the tribes' Agribusiness in Dustin.

As an enrolled Creek tribal member, I am deeply concerned about the negative effect this could have on the Muscogee people.

Our Great Seal of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, depicts the plow and wheat which symbolizes that our ancestors were agri- people.

If you take away the stars and stripes from the United States flag all you have is a flag which symbolizes nothing.

If the supporters of the liquidation of the tribe's agribusiness have their way then all we have is a mockery of what our ancestors stood for and their ancient tie and stewardship of the land. Our people were farmers before the white man came to this continent, working together and not on individual plots. They also had public storehouses where people at will donated food to be given to strangers and people in need or those whose supplies ran out. What they had was community enterprise.

My father told me he was a farmer along with my grandfather. He says: ``Those times were hard but my father did not have the assistance like we have now and he always had money. We never wasted anything.

I wonder what our ancestors would think of our multi-million dollar agribusiness.

We have been telling our children to look to the elders for their Indian values and tribal ways. Yet we are ignoring the very foundation that sustained our people from the beginning. Hopefully, our next generation's tribal symbol won't be the Great Seal of the Bingo Hall.

Rita Williams, Henryetta

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Survey says!

Poll reveals health care is a major concern



TOMMY CUMMINGS

COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR

The biggest dilemma facing the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in the 1990s appears to be health care.

Or at least that's among the findings in a random survey done by the Communications Department during and at Creek Festival '90 in Okmulgee.

Fifty-one people, 37 of them tribal citizens, agreed to the

survey, answering any of eight questions concerning Creek Nation.

Consider it understood here that the survey was not based on any demographics and may not reflect the opinions of the Creek population as a whole.

Still it was interesting and a chance for a handful of people to voice their opinions on the Creek Nation. Those surveyed had the option of giving their names and hometowns and providing additional comment.

Concerning health care, people were asked: Do you believe the Creek Nation has provided quality health care to its citizens?

Out of 47 who chose to respond to that particular question, 29 answered no. Many who answered no, however, said service is improving, according to Stephanie Berryhill, community affairs writer for *the Muscogee Nation News*.

Health care came up in another query: Of the following, which should the Creek Nation concentrate its resources most -- health care, education and job placement, creating jobs or tribal economic development projects?

Fifteen chose health care exclusively. Four others chose all of the above. Four more listed health care and education and job placement as sharing top priority.

One of those surveyed said the economy needs to be built up: "That's No. 1. The others are all top priority, too; they will fall into place as the economy is built."

Some questions produced predictable results:

-- Should the tribe continue to provide *the Muscogee Nation News* free to tribal citizens? Only one in 51 said no.

-- Should the Creek Nation establish a blood quantum for individuals before receiving services? Four in 50 answered no.

-- Should the Creek Nation continue to promote and financially support the Festival and Rodeo? Four in 48 answered no.

There were other findings of interest concerning questions like:

-- "Should the Creek Nation pursue off track betting as a revenue source for the tribe?" It was a dead heat. Twenty-three said yes, 23 said no and five abstained.

-- "How concerned are you about the current political climate at the tribe, particularly friction between the tribe's legislative and executive branches of government? Very concerned, moderately concerned, impartial, not very concerned or don't care."

Twenty-seven answered very concerned and 10 answered moderately concerned. Three answered not very concerned.

Six answered don't care. Of those six, five indicated they're not registered to vote.

Arnold Meely of Holdenville, one of those who indicated they didn't care, said: "Let them fight. We get the short end of the stick no matter who wins."

At least 51 got to put in their two cents worth recently.

verify their position through medical documentation. This is a one-time grant not to exceed \$265 per year.

-- Emergency hardship assistance: Funds are available to enrolled Creek members who can establish through documentation a hardship or crisis situation. Usually a natural disaster, a break in one's funding cycle or an overwhelming medical debt of a current situation can substantiate a crisis. A grant payable toward utilities, food or shelter is available not to exceed \$300 per year.

-- Energy assistance: Each winter a grant is awarded to all enrolled Creeks, 50 years and over, who have not been previously assisted by another energy assistance program whether it be federal, state or local.

-- Burial assistance: Burial assistance of \$1,000 is available to all tribally-enrolled Creeks. To qualify, all Creeks must be enrolled in the tribe before one is deceased. Payment is made directly to the funeral home.

-- School clothing: Available to all Creek children who can verify enrollment and in attendance in grades K through 12. Parents or guardians must submit documentation to verify income.

For more information, call Jimmy "Bunny" Hill, manager of Creek Nation Social Services, at 918-756-8700, Ext. 280.

Tribal member clarifies issues

Editor's note: It is our policy to not publish letters that are not signed. However, this particular letter, postmarked in Oklahoma City, addressed some relevant issues that have not been commented upon before. In the future, please sign all Letters to the Editor:

This letter is an effort to clarify certain subjects addressed in *The Muscogee Nation News* of late. None of what I have to say are my own words, rather, they are things that have been passed down from our respected elders.

1. Muscogee Nation has always been the central government of a very strong confederation of tribes. Among the member tribes of the Muscogee Nation are (or have been) the: Alabama tribe -- different language; Koasatie (aka Coushatta) tribe -- different language; Hitchiti tribe -- different language; Thlophlocco tribe; Natchez tribe -- different language; Seminole; Biloxi tribe; Tunicas; Tuscaloosa; Miccosukke; Chitimacha; the Mvskoke -- main communicative language; and others...

In fact, the Muscogee Nation once controlled much of what is now the southeastern portion of the United States. Muscogee Nation has the same form of government as many eastern tribes, from which the basis of the United States Constitution was borrowed (Iriquois League of Nations Confederacy). We carry many of the same mechanisms in our current representative form of government. However, it is unfortunate that the member tribes and tribal towns of the Muscogee Nation lack the same status of "communities" in the present adoption of our form of government.

It is unlikely, in the present day and age when funds from federal government are almost always tied to the number of members to a specific tribe, that any one of the Muscogee Nation's member tribes would want to secede from the confederation. Tribal members simply want to be recognized as such and have some degree of local control and representation in their own affairs.

Perhaps we should look back at the fine things our elders and ancestors did, so that we don't fumble in our efforts at progress.

2. With regard to Christianity versus traditionalism, there is something in the Bible that refers to people being different from each other (see Romans 14-16). A rough translation is that "some people eat only herbs (traditionalists), while others eat all things (Christians) ... some people worship on a particular day (Christians) while other people worship on all days (Traditionalists)...but we are all judged by the same Creator and shouldn't, therefore, judge each other by the manner in which we pay homage."

3. With regard to AIDS and scratching, anyone who is aware of traditional medicine knows that there are certain, very specific things that are required in order to participate in the "Medicine Lodge". Part of being traditional and taking part in traditional activities is adhering to a very strict code of ethics.

Many who attend the ceremonies, even though we live and work a distance away from our "traditional home", trust the medicine maker far more than any IHS doctor that we've ever seen.

Our precautions are already in place and have been for thousands of years.

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Inquiry editor

If you have a question concerning Creek Nation programs or procedures, write Communications Department, Inquiry Editor, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

I live out of state. Are there any out-of-state programs available to me and how do I go about finding out about these programs?

Steve Partridge, Little Rock, Ark.

A number of tribally-funded programs are available to all enrolled Creek members whether they live inside or outside the recognized Creek Nation boundaries or whether they live out of state. These funds are made available to Creek members who qualify for funding. Programs range from Indian Child Welfare to higher education programs to an eyeglasses program provided by the Community Health Representative Office. Most programs are available in the area of social services.

Among the services available:

-- Emergency medical service: Supplements Indian Health Services in providing prescription medicines in life-threatening situations (i.e. cancer, diabetes, leukemia, etc.) This one-time (per year) grant assistance is available when all other resources are exhausted and the applicant can

Council modifies three-year plan

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) National Council modified the tribe's three-year plan to increase funding for higher education programs at the regular session June 30.

The bill was an amendment to NCA 89-91, the bill that allocated revenues from the interest of tribal judgement funds.

The modifications included cuts to the tribal government and economic development program for Fiscal Years 1991 and 1992.

The ordinance does not affect this year's budget. Ironically, the measure was passed without discussion and with no opposition.

As of June 1, the higher education office had received nearly 600 requests for scholarship

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assistance. The \$401,000 supplemental appropriation approved in May will allow the department to fund those qualified students for the fall semester.

In other business:

-- failed to override a veto of a bill that would allow Gary Hardin, a former employee with the now defunct tribal athletic repair project, CARES. Hardin contends he is owed money by Mike Ammer, former manager of the project, for contracted services related to the business.

Tulsa District representative Larry Bible supported the override to allow tribal district court to decide the matter.

Okmulgee district representative Tony Hale opposed the override saying tribal administrators

have settled the issue.

-- approved the hiring of Marvin Stepson, a Norman attorney, as the tribe's general counsel. Stepson's contract lists his primary responsibility is to deal with Indian Child Welfare cases, though he will act as a general counsel for the tribe. Creek district representative Ed Frye said since no child welfare cases have been filed in tribal district court it is doubtful that Stepson will be overwhelmed by the caseload.

-- approved a lease agreement for Dana Petroleum Co. to operate on land in Creek County. The corporation is offering the tribe \$106 per acre for the three-year primary lease with a royalty rate of 20 percent. The minerals underlying the property were appraised at \$25 per acre.

-- approved an amendment to NCA 82-30 that

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In Brief

Council passes on housing gripes

OKMULGEE -- Claiming the Creek Nation Housing Authority is insensitive to homeowners, the National Council held a special session June 6 to relay constituent concerns to authority members.

The session lasted more than two hours, but no official action was taken.

Sam Whitlow, executive director of the Housing Authority, pledged to prepare responses and examine each complaint presented by representatives.

Several representatives said they had been contacted by constituents with complaints about the structure or regulations with mutual help homes.

Whitlow said he could not respond at the meeting because he did not have access to his files. Whitlow asked the Council to compile the complaints and submit them to him for action.

Speaker Ken Childers said the Council is in the process of compiling the complaints and he expects the report to be submitted to the Housing Authority in July.

The Housing Authority conducted its regular meeting July 3 at the Capitol Complex.

Housing audit is in compliance

OKMULGEE -- The Creek Nation Housing Authority has been notified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that the Office of Inspector General has found the authority to be in compliance with the Single Audit Act.

The OIG did report one finding regarding a late report but will not take any action against the authority.

Troy Grigsby, acting manager of the Oklahoma City Field office, said "The Housing Authority staff should be commended for receiving an audit report with only one minor finding which requires no response."

Housing Authority executive director Sam Whitlow said he had nothing but praise for the entire staff, especially those involved in the day-to-day tracking of all the Housing Authority transactions.

A copy of the audit report is available in the Office of the Principal Chief for tribal citizens to review.



Two Creek youngsters show off their prize-winning entries in the Children's Games art contest at Creek Festival '90.

Tiger murder suspect to get trial

MUSKOGEE -- Larry Butcher of Muskogee was ordered to stand trial for the fatal shooting of Jerome Christopher Tiger, a Creek artist.

Butcher, 29, is charged in Muskogee County District Court with first-degree murder. Tiger, 22 and the son of celebrated Creek artist Jerome Tiger, died May 9 of a gunshot wound to the head.

Glenpool deal put on hold

GLENPOOL -- A closing deal for the Glenpool Indian Community property will be delayed until underground storage tanks are removed from the site, said Muscogee Nation tribal affairs director Buddy York.

After making a \$275,000 offer for the 5.4 acres and three buildings, York had anticipated closing the deal for the property by mid June.

"We have asked that removal of the storage tanks be part of the negotiations," said Larry Bible, Tulsa district representative.

The Glenpool Indian Community did receive \$9,585 from the Council to purchase office equipment, supplies and to cover other start-up costs associated with the anticipated purchase of property.

Tribal attorney resigns amid controversy

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- Muscogee (Creek) Nation tribal attorney Greg Bigler has submitted his resignation though no official date has been determined as his final day.

Bigler, tribal attorney since February, 1989, became the center of a contract dispute between the tribe's National Council, the administration and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Council had approved a contract with Bigler in December 1989 for \$36,437 with \$11,223 in fringe benefits. That contracted amount however, never reached the BIA area office.

Instead, a contract for \$48,000 annually, signed by Principal Chief Claude Cox and Bigler was submitted to the area office and was approved by the area superintendent Merritt Youngdeer.

McIntosh district representative Frank Kamp said the discrepancies between the two contracts were brought to the Council's attention in a letter from the BIA announcing the contract had been approved.

According to Kamp, Youngdeer told Council members he would repeal the contract.

Cox contends NCA 89-160, the ordinance authorizing Bigler's contract for Fiscal Year 1990, was sent to his office without the contract attached. He had submitted a contract with the \$48,000 amount and assumed that was the contract the Council had approved.

Speaker Ken Childers disagreed with the Chief saying the modified contract was attached to the ordinance.

Bigler made no statement at a BIA called meeting between the legislative and executive branches in Muskogee and has declined comment since.



Festival fails to live up to expectations

By TOMMY CUMMINGS
Communications Director

OKMULGEE -- Muscogee (Creek) Festival '90 began on a hot, dusty Friday morning and concluded on a hot, dusty Sunday night.

In between were temperatures in the high 90s and dust.

It wasn't a comfortable way to enjoy the Creek National Holiday, but somewhere between 7,000 to 8,000 festival-goers braved the conditions to watch or participate in a number of activities, ranging from rodeo to games for kids.

"I thought (the festival) went pretty well considering the weather," said Carney Roberts, chairman of the Festival Committee. "Attendance was good, but not as good as it has been the last two years."

The committee is expected to make a written report to Principal Chief Claude A. Cox and the National Council before July 30. The committee's term expires Aug. 30.

Roberts said he couldn't pinpoint the reason for attendance being down. He said the committee needs to address several areas of concern: the Olympic track, water and electricity problems and maintenance of the facilities.

Committee member Donna Rhodes said she wasn't happy with the festival. More workers are needed, particularly from Capitol Complex staff, Rhodes said.

"There's some out there who work themselves to death," she said. "I'd like to see a lot more people volunteer to help."

Rhodes also had concerns about accountability of festival funds and publicity efforts.

Bob Arrington, Creek Nation Rodeo Club president, said he was disappointed in attendance at the rodeo.

Attendance wasn't bad Friday and Saturday nights, but Sunday's session -- normally a suicidal time for rodeos -- was poorly attended, Arrington said.



Festival parade

(TOP): Members of the Vietnam Era Veterans Color Guard open the festival parade; (left) the Creek Nation Rodeo Club rides in; (bottom left) Ray Barnett, dressed as Miss Piggy, calls out numbers from the Okmulgee Bingo parade entry; (bottom right) and Brandy Tiger, rodeo queen, begins her second reign as queen.



Mission alumni gather to remember

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

OKMULGEE -- Distance and time may have severed communication ties between many Euchee Mission alumni, but they couldn't break the bonds of friendship formed as many as 71 years ago.

Many of those friendships were renewed at the second annual Euchee Boarding School Renunion, held at the Creek Nation Capitol Complex during Creek Festival '90.

Alumni recalled the good times had by those who attended the old boarding school located one mile east of Sapulpa. The school opened in 1894 and closed in 1947.

At the reunion, Mose Cahwee -- who, with Bill Moody, organized much of the reunion -- reflected on some of his most memorable moments.

"There was about four of us boys that broke into the commissary building; we stole cheese, onions and apples," Cahwee said.

Once all of the boys were caught, they were subject to wearing signs that told what they had stolen.

"I had to wear a cardboard sign that said 'I stole onions;' we had to wear those signs everywhere we went, even to town," Cahwee said.

"There was three of us that ran around and when one of us got a whippin', the other two did too."

Roman Watashe (1942) told of a similar incident and said his experience at the school helped prepare him for a military career.

"We used to sneak out into the vegetable garden and swipe vegetables so we'd have something to eat," he said. When asked if he and his friends were ever caught he replied,

"No, fortunately not. We had to (steal) because the food there wasn't all that plentiful. It was my first contact with regimentality."

Watashe said school officials insisted that you not speak your language.

"Anyone that was caught speaking their native language was punished. It sort of set me up for military life," Watashe said.

Phillip Coon (1929-32), instrumental in the success of the reunion through his provision of information and pictures, said when he attended the mission the children played games that are now extinct among kids of today.

Among those games was "shinny," which Coon said was similar to hockey. He said kids would go into the woods, cut a green limb and make a "shinnystick," which resembled a hockey stick.

"It was similar to hockey except we had no boundaries. We would take a small can that was about the size of a small Pet Milk can; we'd beat that thing to a pulp, 'til it was about the size of a golf ball. That was our pasttime; actually it was very dangerous."

Coon said they called it shinny because "you kind of had to shinny in there and wiggle in there to get after that ball, kind of like Indian stickball, like a bunch of elephants and buffaloes gettin' in there after that little ball; all you seen was bottoms up!"

Other reunion highlights:

-- Ed Moore, J.B. Haikey, and Kenneth Moore, the only living members of the school's last championship basketball team in 1933 talked over old times. When Haikey was asked if he had challenged the Moore brothers to a game he replied, "I told'em, I says, 'I got one basket-



Bill Moody, reunion organizer, listens intently as Jim Bittle seeks his advice.



Euchee Mission class and teammates, Ed Moore, J.B. Haikey, and Kenneth Moore were members of last championship basketball team in 1933.

ball," referring to his belly, "and we can't play no more cause Ed's got'em all!"

-- Louis Oliver, who began attending Euchee Mission in 1915, had not seen his friend Dan Harjo (1917-19) since 1919 when Harjo left the Sapulpa boarding school to attend Chilocco Boarding School.

Before leaving the reunion they eagerly exchanged addresses. As they traded pieces of paper Oliver said, "we're two old-timers."

-- Nancy Harjo Beaver (1918-21) met classmate Bennie Wilson (1919), who Beaver hadn't seen since 1921.

"I didn't know him 'til they told me it was him, so I went up to him and asked him if he remembered me. And he said, 'yeah,'" Beaver said.

Jim Fife (1914-18) also joked that Wilson "looks about the same" as he did in grade school. Of his friends Wilson said, "I haven't seen them since school turned out way back yonder."

While waiting for supper the banquet audience of more than 200 was entertained by the flute playing of Woodrow Haney. During the banquet, awards were given to the oldest and youngest alumni.

Fife, 86, received the award for the oldest



Bennie Wilson (1919), James Fife (1914-18), Louis Oliver (1915) and Nancy Harjo Beaver (1918-21) laugh as Wilson and Beaver recognize each other after many years.

alumnus present. Jess Freeman Jr., 51, received the award for the youngest alumnus. The Rev. George Smith (1922-32) of San Francisco was given the award for the alumnus who traveled the furthest. The banquet came to a conclusion with the election of officers: Freeman, was elected chairperson; Paul Tiger, second chairperson and Coon, secretary/treasurer.

Coon said the officers hope to make the reunion an annual event and they hope to get as much alumni participation as possible through the organization of reunion committees. Moody said that the reunion was very successful and that he has received long distance calls from alumni throughout Oklahoma and other states telling him how much they appreciated the reunion.

Navajos dominate Creek Nation rodeo

OKMULGEE -- Navajo cowboys from New Mexico won four of seven events at the 16th annual Muscogee (Creek) Festival Rodeo.

The rodeo was one of the showcase athletic events featured at the annual festival held at the Sports Omniplex.

Ruth Bitsui, a Navajo from Albuquerque, N.M., clocked the barrel racing course in 17.015 seconds to win the \$836 purse.

She finished ahead of Stacy Velardi (17.022), Charlene Baloo (17.153) and Pam Hall (17.195).

Calvin Murphy, a Navajo from Crown Point, N.M., won the steer wrestling competition in a time of 3.26 seconds. He collected a \$787.93 purse. Rusty Rock, Howard Edmonson, Billy Joe James, Shawn Redbird and Matthew Henry finished second through sixth.

T.O. Yazzie, a Navajo from Table Mesa, N.M., took the saddle bronc competition, scoring 81 points and claiming the \$585.20 first-place purse. Henry Hildreth finished second and Harrison Tsosie and Mike Lafferty tied for third.

Benson Charley, a Navajo from Standing Rock, N.M., won the calf roping title, snaring his stock in 9.58 seconds to win \$636.41. Joe Pickens finished second, Jack Foreman third, Sonny Victor fourth, Dee Keener fifth and Howard Edmonson sixth.

In other events:

-- Erick Morrow, a Seminole-Creek from Meeker, stayed aboard his bull the duration during the rodeo's final event and won the bull riding title. Morrow, one of three cowboys to stay atop the Rice Rodeo Co. bulls, scored 81 points and won

\$666.71. Donnie Osburn scored a 78 to finish second and Blake Poquette was third;

-- Troy Ward, a Sioux from Leota, Kan., took the bareback bronc riding event, scoring 80 points and winning \$668.80. James Duffield of Tahlequah and New Mexico cowboys Glen Adeky and Gerald Alex all tied for third with 77s; and,

-- Doyle Bacon, a Choctaw from Durant, and Paul Lee Foreman, a Cherokee from Barnsdall, won the team roping competition, roping their steer in 6.43 seconds and split \$1,575.86.

There was nothing but Foremans in second through fourth places -- Ben Foreman and Jack Foreman finished second, Mack Foreman and Tex Foreman third and Mack Foreman and Bogue Foreman fourth. John Barnett and Mack Barnett was fifth and Short Foreman and Joel Maker sixth.

Kansas, Okmulgee softball teams win tournament titles

OKMULGEE -- The Haskell Junior College Indians defeated the Thlopthlocco Braves, 6-3, to claim their second consecutive Muscogee (Creek) Festival softball tournament title.

The tournament was one of the showcase athletic events during the 16th annual Muscogee (Creek) Festival at the Sports Omniplex.

The finalists met three times in the double-elimination tournament. Haskell of Lawrence, Kan., sent the T-Braves into the losers' bracket earlier Sunday.

But the T-Braves emerged from the losers' bracket to meet Haskell in the finals. The T-Braves won the matchup, 3-0, to force a deciding game.

In the championship, Haskell scored three runs in the third and fourth innings to take a 6-0 lead it never relinquished.

The Indians was on the verge of being eliminated twice, once before the tournament and again in the championship game.

Before the tournament began, Haskell missed the entry deadline.

Haskell player/coach John Harjo said it was his understanding defending champions received automatic bids. Tournament director Vickie Watashe said that wasn't the case.

The brackets were drawn up without Haskell, but when Little Axe dropped out, the Indians were allowed to fill in.

The second time Haskell nearly faced elimination was during the third inning of the championship game. A Haskell player was hurt and his designated replacement -- the Indians' only reserve -- wasn't eligible to play that position.

Umpires at first ruled a forfeit, but the T-Braves insisted the game go on.

"We're thankful to them they allowed us to do that," Harjo said.

T-Braves coach Jim McGirt said the team voted the game continue because "we wouldn't want to have won that way."

"We know Haskell wouldn't have wanted to win that way."

Pitcher Darrell Reing, a former Bacone College baseball player, was named tournament most valuable player for the second consecutive year.

Other Haskell players on the all-tournament



A Haskell Junior College batter gets ready to bear down on a pitch during the championship game in the Creek Festival '90 softball tournament.

team: William Turtle, Bossie Drywater, Anthony Gann, Matt Kamalty, Anderson Berryhill and Jeff Meely.

The T-Braves placed Jim McClung, Oklahoma City Raiders had Jonathan Buckley and the Oklahoma Indians put Eric Tiger on the all-tournament team.

The Oklahoma Indians finished third, falling to the T-Braves in the losers' bracket finals. The Oklahoma City Raiders finished fourth and the Oklahoma City Medicinemen finished fifth. The Oklahoma City Kids were given the sportsmanship trophy.

In the women's tournament, Okmulgee Bingo swept four games without allowing a run. Okmulgee Bingo defeated Anadarko, 11-0, in the finals.

Pitcher Carol Dawson of Okmulgee Bingo was named the tournament's most valuable player. Dawson allowed only three hits in four games, said coach Skip Burgess.

"We had some excellent pitching and excellent defense the whole tournament," Burgess said.

Dawson's teammates, Karen Long, Barbara Sands and Debbie Burgess, also were named to the all-tournament team.

Other all-tournament selections: Birdy Wet-selline, Lynn Beaver and Deborah Victoria of



Thlopthlocco Braves fought their way out of the losers' bracket into the championship finals.

Anadarko, Tammy Underwood of the Oklahoma City Rebels and Diane Roughface and Shelia Fox of the Sapulpa T-Birds.

The Sapulpa T-Birds finished third and the Oklahoma City Rebels fourth. All Tribes was given the sportsmanship trophy.

Chickasaws win Youth Olympics again

OKMULGEE -- Chickasaw Nation claimed its second consecutive Muscogee (Creek) Festival Youth Olympics championship.

The Youth Olympics, a 43-event competition for youngsters aged 6 to 15, was one of the featured athletic activities at the 16th annual festival.

The Chickasaws won 121 medals, including first place in 11 of 17 relay events and all six tug of wars.

The Chickasaws, clad in skyblue T-shirts, had nearly twice as many competitors (57) as other community representatives.

"Last year, we had a lot of runners. This year, we have a lot of better runners," said Shannon Fixico, assistant coach for the Chickasaws.

Andy McMahan was the big individual winner, getting gold medals in the 100- and 200-meter dashes and the 400-meter relay.

"We had a lot of new kids this year and we weren't really sure how they'd react to the crowd," said J.D. Norman, the coordinator of Chickasaw's team. "They did all right."

The meet attracted more than 300 participants. They competed in track and field events at the Sports Omniplex Rodeo Arena.

The Chickasaws only had a week to prepare. Rainouts hampered some practices and may competitors had to choose between running track or playing baseball.

Okmulgee Indian Community was second, Okfuskee Indian Community third and Yardeka Indian Community fourth.

Individual results

50 meters (boys)

Ages 6-7 -- 1, David Phillips, Eufaula, 8.22 seconds; 2, Matt Wiley, Chickasaw, 8.39; 3, Okmulgee 8.43.

Ages 8-9 -- 1, John Yargee, Wetumka, 7.21; 2, Terry D. Osborn Jr., Okfuskee 7.42; 3, Mark Hale, Okmulgee, 7.44.

Ages 10-11 -- 1, Billie Jack King, Yardeka 6.59; 2, Micah Wolfe, Okmulgee, 6.77; 3, Charlie Frye, Okmulgee, 6.95.

50 meters (girls)

Ages 6-7 -- 1, Latasha Monahwee, Okmulgee, 8.17; 2, Krystal Wallace, Chickasaw, 8.23; 3, Lisa Williams, Yardeka, 8.37.

Ages 8-9 -- 1, Tia Brown, Okfuskee, 6.69; 2, Winey Moppin, Wetumka, 7.19; 3, Amber Prentice, Chickasaw, 7.86.

Ages 10-11 -- 1, Alisa G. Douglas, Okfuskee, 7.14; 2, Terrisha J. Osborn, Okfuskee, 7.22; 3, Erin O'Dell, unattached, 7.44.

100 meters (boys)

Ages 6-7 -- 1, Jeremy Monahwee, Okmulgee, 14.27 seconds; 2, Chebon Vincent Proctor, Hanna, 14.78; 3, A.J. Foster, Chickasaw, 15.31.

Ages 8-9 -- 1, Mark Hale, Okmulgee, 13.91; 2, John Yargee, Wetumka, 14.13; 3, Terry Osborn Jr., Okfuskee, 14.36.

Ages 10-11 -- 1, Micah Wolfe, Okmulgee, 12.99; 2, Charlie Frye, Okmulgee, 13.00; 3, Billie Jack King, Yardeka, 13.55.

Ages 12-13 -- 1, Edwin

Bear, Yardeka, 12.34; 2, Eric Beatty, Okmulgee, 12.59; 3, Brad Collins, Chickasaw, 12.94.

Ages 14-15 -- 1, Andy McMahan, Chickasaw, 10.80; 2, Eric McLaughlin, Eufaula, 11.84; 3, Rico Coon, Kickapoo, 11.78.

100 meters (girls)

Ages 6-7 -- 1, Krystal Wallace, Chickasaw, 15.80; 2, Sharee Hill, Okfuskee, 16.29; 3, Latasha Monahwee, Okmulgee, 16.52.

Ages 8-9 -- 1, Samantha Frye, Okmulgee, 14.26; 2, Georgie Horse, Okfuskee, 14.65; 3, Justina Grayson, Okmulgee, 14.77.

Ages 10-11 -- 1, Charity Faith Cox, Hanna, 13.46; 2, Alisa Gail Douglas, Okfuskee, 14.01; 3, Katherine Cervantes, Kickapoo, 14.31.

Ages 12-13 -- 1, Letitia Miller, Chickasaw, 13.09; 2, Sherry Blue, Chickasaw, 13.49; 3, Samantha Frye, Okmulgee, 13.16.

200 meters (boys)

Ages 6-7 -- 1, Jeremy Monahwee, Okmulgee, 31.02 seconds; 2, Jarad Mosquito, Duck Creek, 32.20; 3, David Phillips, Eufaula, 33.39.

Ages 8-9 -- 1, Kenneth Mackey, Chickasaw, 28.74; 2, John C. Morgan, Okfuskee, 30.99; 3, Mick Factor, Chickasaw, 32.29.

Ages 10-11 -- 1, Austin Jones, Okmulgee, 27.50; 2, Chad Lewis, Chickasaw, 27.71; 3, Daniel E. Deere, Eufaula, 28.50.



Competitors fought hard for the communities they represented, especially in the tug-of-war contests, at the Creek Festival Youth Olympics

Photo by Elliot Barnett

Ages 12-13 -- 1, Matt Cummings, Eufaula, 25.80; 2 (tie), Eric Beatty, Okmulgee, and Jared Nelson, Nuyaka, 26.51.

Ages 14-15 -- 1, Andy McMahan, Chickasaw, 23.02; 2, Rico Coon, Kickapoo, 23.83; 3, Henry Marris III, Chickasaw, 24.07.

200 meters (girls)

Ages 6-7 -- 1, Stephanie Emarthle, Chickasaw, 35.64; 2, Mandi Morgan, Okfuskee, 36.95; 3, Sabrina D. Hill, Okfuskee, 36.95.

Ages 8-9 -- 1, Winter Dawn Martinez, Kickapoo, 29.82; 2, Samantha Frye, Okmulgee, 30.24; 3, Shawn Deere, Eufaula, 30.66.

Ages 10-11 -- 1, Jamie S. Phillips, Okfuskee, 27.45; 2, Charity Faith Cox, Hanna, 28.14; 3, Katherine Caervantes, Kickapoo, 29.46.

Ages 12-13 -- 1, Shandea Mosquito, Duck Creek, 26.07; 2, Andrea Frye, Okmulgee, 26.34; 3, Stephanie L. Harry, Duck Creek, 27.80.

Ages 14-15 -- 1, Brandi Sharp, Chickasaw, 26.16; 2, Ruby Lee Starr, Hanna, 26.70; 3, Ella Dewitt, Wetumka, 27.25.

400 meters (boys)

Ages 8-9 -- 1, Kenneth Mackey, Chickasaw, 1 minute, 11.97 seconds; 2, Mick Factor, Chickasaw, 1:19.16; 3, Jayton D. Burleson, Hanna, 1:22.74.

Ages 10-11 -- 1, Austin Jones, Okmulgee, 1:02.39; 2, Willie Kaler, Okmulgee, 1:19.16; 3, Josh Brown, Eufaula, 1:08.24.

Ages 14-15 -- 1, Ronald Frazier, Chickasaw, 58.95; 2, John Billie, Okmulgee, 59.52; 3, Mike Factor, Chickasaw, 1:01.73.

400 meters (girls)

Ages 8-9 -- 1, Naomi Tiger, Chickasaw, 1:08.87; 2, Georgie Horse, Okfuskee, 1:09.31; 3, Stephanie R. Wapskinah, Kickapoo, 1:22.33.

Ages 10-11 -- 1, Jessina Factor, Okmulgee, 1:11.36; 2, Linda Johnson, Chickasaw, 1:12.12; 3, Janice Johnson, Chickasaw, 1:15.21.

Ages 12-13 -- 1, Shandea Mosquito, Duck Creek, 1:09.94; 2, Gina Lynn Wesley, Hanna, 1:12.31; 3, Melissa Walker, Chickasaw, 1:15.14.

Ages 14-15 -- 1, Darline West, Okfuskee, 1:10.55; 2, Ruby Lee Starr, Hanna, 1:14.66; 3, Sherrel Johnson, Chickasaw, 1:22.37.

800 meter

Ages 12-13 -- 1, Michael Ned, Chickasaw, 2 minutes, 16.67 seconds; 2, Jarad Nelson, Nuyaka, 2:25.00; 3, Austin Orphan, Chickasaw, 2:33.49.

Ages 14-15 -- 1, John Billie, Okmulgee, 2:07.31; 2, Zachary Bigpond, Duck Creek, 2:09.71; 3, Lanita K. Littlehead, Hanna, 2:15.68.

400 relay (boys)

Ages 6-7 -- 1, Okfuskee, 1 minute, 5.16 seconds; 2, Chickasaw, 1:11.24.

Ages 8-9 -- 1, Chickasaw, 1:03.59; 2, Okmulgee, 1:04.29; 3, Kickapoo, 1:04.46.

Ages 10-11 -- 1, Okmulgee, 53.44; 2, Chickasaw, 1:00.79; 3, Hanna, 1:02.80.

Ages 12-13 -- 1, Chickasaw, 51.75; 2, Okfuskee, 53.59; 3, Okmulgee, 53.61.

Ages 14-15 -- 1, Chickasaw, 46.77.

400 relay (girls)

Ages 6-7 -- 1, Okfuskee, 1:07.12; 2, Okmulgee, 1:08.14; 3, Chickasaw, 1:11.97.

Ages 8-9 -- 1, Okfuskee, 1:00.76; 2, Okmulgee, 1:03.64; 3, Eufaula, 1:06.61.

Ages 10-11 -- 1, Chickasaw, 59.66; 2, Kickapoo, 1:04.66; 3, Okmulgee.

Ages 12-13 -- 1, Chickasaw, 55.10; 2, Okfuskee, 55.95.

Ages 14-15 -- 1, Chickasaw, 55.86.

Long jump (boys)

Ages 12-13 -- 1, Thomas Fixico, Okemah, 15 feet, 2 inches; 2, Erwin Bear, Yardeka, 15-1.5; Brad Collins, Chickasaw, 15-1.

Ages 14-15 -- 1, Jeremy Wallace, Chickasaw, 16-6; 2, Eric McLaughlin, Eufaula, 16-5.5; 3, Mike Factor, Chickasaw, 16-1.

Long jump (girls)

Ages 12-13 -- 1, Andrea Frye, Okmulgee, 14-5; 2, Molly Coon, Kickapoo, 12-3; 3, Michelle Walker, Chickasaw, 9-9.

Ages 14-15 -- 1, Misty Wind, Wewoka (Cromwell), 14-2; 2, Brandy Sharp, Chickasaw, 11-9.

400 mixed relay

Ages 6-7 -- 1, Okmulgee, 1 minute, 5.01 seconds; 2, Chickasaw, 1:09.94; 3, Duck Creek, 1:17.05.

Ages 8-9 -- 1, Wetumka, 1:01.70; 2, Yardeka, 1:02.84; 3, Chickasaw, 1:03.63.

Ages 10-11 -- 1, Chickasaw, 59.34; 2, Yardeka, 1:00.01; 3, Okfuskee 1:01.76.

Ages 12-13 -- 1, Chickasaw, 53.04; 2, Yardeka, 54.73; 3, Hanna, 59.06.

Ages 14-15 -- 1, Chickasaw, 50.14; 2, Yardeka,

52.13.

Softball throw (boys)

Ages 6-7 -- 1, A.J. Foster, Chickasaw, 94 feet, 10 inches; 2, Joshua Burgess, Okfuskee, 82-0; 3, Trey Howling Wolf, Chickasaw, 75-6.

Ages 8-9 -- 1, Johnny R. Watson, Okemah, 104-7.5; 2, Matthew Chamberlain, Yardeka, 98-10; 3, Owen L. Hicks, Okfuskee, 97-8.

Ages 10-11 -- 1, Daniel J. Deere, Eufaula, 129-4; 2, Guymon Marshall, Eufaula, 114-10; 3, Justin S. Bruner, Hanna, 114-2.

Softball throw (girls)

Ages 6-7 -- 1, Krystal Wallace, Chickasaw, 58-3.5; 2, Christy J. Harjo, Chickasaw, 57-10; 3, Stephanie M. Jefferson, Hanna, 54-9.

Ages 8-9 -- 1, Roberta Lewis, Yardeka, 87-8; 2, Stephanie R. Wapskinah, Kickapoo, 79-0; 3, Jamie Frederick, Eufaula, 72-5.

Ages 10-11 -- 1, Loriatti D. Harrison, Duck Creek, 103-4; 2, Jackie Wind, Wewoka (Cromwell), 100-0; 3, Linda Roberts, Chickasaw, 97-6.

Tug of war (boys)

Ages 6-7 -- 1, Chickasaw Nation, 2, Okemah.

Ages 8-9 -- 1, Chickasaw Nation, 2, Okemah.

Ages 10-11 -- 1, Chickasaw Nation, 2, Okemah, 3, Wetumka.

Tug of war (girls)

Ages 6-7 -- 1, Chickasaw Nation, 2, Okemah.

Ages 8-9 -- 1, Chickasaw Nation, 2, Yardeka, 3, Okfuskee.

Ages 10-11 -- 1, Chickasaw Nation, 2, Okemah.

Sprint medley (boys)

Ages 8-9 -- 1, Chickasaw

Tahlequah man wins tennis title

OKMULGEE -- Ron Qualls won the men's open singles title and Jennifer Wilson won four women's divisions at the Muscogee (Creek) Festival '90 All-Indian tennis tournament.

The two-day tournament was one of the featured athletic events at the 16th annual festival.

Qualls defeated Max Factor, 6-0 and 6-3, in the championship.

Wilson won the women's open singles title. Wilson teamed with Ellen Hawzipta to win the women's open doubles and women's 35 doubles division. Wilson also combined with Max Factor to win the mixed doubles title.

In the men's open doubles finals, Bruce Harjo and Scott Johnson won the men's division.

Other division winners:

-- Corey Weldon, men's open singles consolation;

-- Jill Dew, women's open singles consolation;

-- Ray Alford and Buddy King, men's open doubles consolation;

-- Don Nieto and Lee Ann Lamabull, mixed doubles consolation;

-- Patricia Factor, women's 35 singles;

-- Sue Qualls, women's 35 singles consolation;

-- Carlene Barrett and Vicki Tate, women's 35 doubles consolation;

-- Jennifer Harjo, women's intermediate singles;

-- Angie Bunner, women's intermediate singles consolation;

-- Lee Ann Lamabull and Tonya Harris, women's intermediate doubles;

-- Gretchen Morgan and Jennifer Harjo, women's intermediate doubles consolation;

-- Mike Dew, men's 35 singles;

-- Paul Harjo, men's 35 singles consolation;

-- Ted C. Ganote, men's intermediate singles;

-- Garry Canard, men's intermediate singles consolation;

-- Ted C. Ganote and Kevin Ganote, men's intermediate doubles;

-- Greg Switch and Eli Hawzipta, men's intermediate doubles consolation.



Photo by John E. Hoover

Scott Johnson of Warner returns a volley in the Creek Festival '90 tennis tournament played at Okmulgee's City Courts. Johnson teamed with Bruce Harjo to win the mixed doubles championship.

Golfer takes tournament after playoff

FOUNTAINHEAD STATE PARK -- Craig Robinson defeated Lee Perry in a playoff to win the Creek Festival '90 golf tournament at Fountainhead State Park's golf course.

Perry didn't go home empty-handed, however. He won the medalist trophy. Robinson won the men's longest drive competition. Roman Johnson was third in the Championship Flight and Truman Kaskuska, who won the closest to the pin trophy, finished fourth. Helen Plumage won the women's Championship Flight, defeating Nora Birdshead and Andrea Dick.

June Haikey won the women's closest to the pin competition. Betty Page won the women's longest drive trophy.

Seventy-seven men and 10 women competed. There were eight men's entries and four women's entries in the Championship Flight. The men's A, B and C flights drew 19, 18 and 18 golfers.

In other divisions:

-- Men's A Flight: 1, Don O'Connell. 2, Henry Ben. 3, Charlie Soap. 4, Gerald Perry;

-- Men's B Flight: 1, Jerry Perry. 2, Jess Jones. 3, Calvin Dailey. 4, Danny Mitchell;

-- Men's C Flight: 1, Paul Bevenue. 2, Johnny Allen. 3, Jim Baker. 4, Bobby Jones;

-- Men's D Flight: 1, Ron Perry. 2, Perry Beaver. 3, Frank Mendoza. 4, Vince Mendoza.

-- Women's A Flight: 1, Harkey. 2, Marion Mitchell. 3, Rita Anderson.

Elders brave heat, win medals in senior citizens' competition

OKMULGEE -- A few participants braved the heat and dust to compete in the Elderly Games.

Roosevelt Derrisaw won a first place gold medal for overall athlete in different events. Cora Derrisaw received prizes in different events, including one for sitting in the shade the longest.

Lucille Factor, Betsy Factor and Betty Fox, sponsored by the Creek Nation Gift Shop, participated in the horse shoe throw and dart throw.

Daisy Harris of Bristow was the oldest elder to attend and won a first place medal in the rolling pin contest. Other winners: Elmer Jones and Walter Jones. Other participants: Jess and Bea Ellis.

Tulsa volleyball club repeats as champion

OKMULGEE -- Tulsa's Side Out repeated as champions of the Muscogee (Creek) Festival '90 co-ed volleyball tournament.

Side Out defeated the Sooner Slam in two matches in one of the featured athletic events at the 16th annual festival.

Sooner Slam came into the finals without a loss. Side Out, however, took the championship, winning four of the last five sets in the 20-team, double-elimination tournament.

Okfuskee took third place and C&H of Okemah was fourth. Broken Bow was awarded the sportsmanship trophy.



The Creek Festival volleyball tournament attracted 20 teams. Tulsa Side Out won the championship.

Class of '90

Janita Screechowl, Sapulpa HS

SAPULPA -- Janita Eddrea Screechowl has been awarded a University of Oklahoma Achievement Class Scholarship for the 1990-91 term. Recipients of the award are selected on the basis of academic and leadership record.

Screechowl, a freshman political science major, also received the U.S. Sen. David Boren Award for the achievement of the highest degree of academic excellence in government. Screechowl is a 1990 graduate of Sapulpa High School where she was a member of the Future Farmers of America for four years and Indian Club for two years.

She also was a member of the SHS band that was selected to perform for President Bush's appearance at a dinner in honor of the 1989-90 academic all-staters. The band also was selected to be the featured performers at the Oklahoma Music Educators Convention. She has been a member of the concert band two years, symphonic band two years, flag corps two years and marching band four years.

Screechowl has served as delegate to the State 4-H Congress, State 4-H Roundup, district leadership conferences, club president for three terms, club vice president and secretary. She received the Shawnee Milling Co.'s silver tray award for bread demonstrations. Her postmark collection was a 1989 Tulsa State Fair first place premium award winner and fourth place winner at the 1989 National 4-H Postmark Fair. Her blueribbon postmark collection has placed first for the past three years at the Creek County and the Tulsa State fairs. She is also a blue ribbon winner in the individual photo category at the Tulsa State Fair.

Screechowl, the daughter of Janice and Ed Screechowl of Sapulpa, has been listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and Who's Who in Pageants. She has participated in events for the Oklahoma Teen Young Miss of America, Oklahoma Young Miss of America, Sooner Sweetheart State Talent Queen, Sooner Sweetheart State Modeling Queen, Jenks Cinderella Teen Beauty Queen, Cinderella State Teen Best Musician and was a U.S. Olympic Festival torch runner.

John Zientek, Tecumseh HS

TECUMSEH -- John Michael Zientek, a recent graduate of Tecumseh High School, received an Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Scholarship to attend the University of Oklahoma. He also has received the OU Award for Excellence Scholarship and the OU College of Engineering Distinguished Alumni Scholarship.



Zientek also has been selected one of 10 participants in the National Science Foundation Minority Academic Enrichment Program at OU during the summer term. At Tecumseh High, Zientek was a 1990 Academic All State finalist, received the President's Council of Academic Fitness Award, Outstanding Achievement Awards for Algebra III and Accounting I and an academic letter jacket. He was member of the National Honor Society and participated in the Mock Trial and Academic Bowl. He was named student of the month for January and received the Oklahoma Academic Scholar Award.

Zientek is the son of Linda and Michael Zientek of Shawnee. His grandmother is Minnie Poole of Wetumka and his great-grandfather is Eddie Lindsey of Wewoka.

Heather Hammond, Ada HS

ADA -- Heather Hammond was named Johnson-O'Malley student of the year at Ada High School and recognized as an Oklahoma Indian Honor Society student. Her activities: vice president of Keywanettes, manager of Cougars' dance team, captain of junior varsity cheerleaders and a member of the yearbook staff. She also was a member of the Letterman Club, Cotnam Pep Club, French Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Youth for Christ and Students Against Drunk Driving. Her community service includes Teen Counselor for Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Keywanettes Community Activities and volunteer work for Oklahoma Congressman Wes Watkins' campaign. Hammond will attend the University of Tulsa and major in communication with a business minor. She is the daughter of David and Linda Hammond of Ada and the granddaughter of Mannie Wiley of Sapulpa.

Leslie McArthur, Jay HS

JAY -- Leslie Jeanette McArthur, a Creek citizen, plans to attend Northeastern State University in the fall to major in mass communications. McArthur graduated from Jay High School where she was on the yearbook staff for three years and president of the student council her senior year. She is the daughter of Douglas and Anna McArthur of Jay and the granddaughter of Annie Moffer of Perryton, Texas.

Jeffrey Bruner, Rutgers U.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. -- Jeffrey B. Bruner has been awarded a Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish literature from Rutgers University. His dissertation is titled "The Role of Painting in Two Novels by Carlos Rojas: 'El Valle de los Caidos' and 'el jardin de las Hesperides'". Bruner will be an assistant professor of foreign languages at West Virginia University. Bruner is a 1979 graduate of Holdenville High School and received his bachelor of arts in Spanish from Oklahoma Baptist University. He is the son of Billye Bruner and the late Eugene Bruner, both of Holdenville.



In Brief

Creek gets OU academic award

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Clay Campbell of Okmulgee is among three American Indian students at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center to receive outstanding achievement awards. The awards were presented by the OU Health Sciences Center's Minority Student Services and Recruitment Office. Campbell received the Native American Outstanding Professional Academic Achievement Award for 1989-90. Requirements for this award include maintaining a 3.0 grade point average for a minimum of 25 hours. Campbell, a Creek, is a student at the OU College of Medicine-Tulsa, where he serves as co-president of the third-year class. He is the recipient of the April 1989 Ciba Geigy Award for Community Services, awarded by fellow students, and is active in both Creek tribal activities and in various student medical associations. Other award winners: Phyllis Spears, a Cherokee from Tulsa, the American Outstanding Graduate Academic Achievement Award; Frankie Brewer, a Choctaw from McAlester, Native American Outstanding Undergraduate Academic Achievement Award.

Morris student JOM princess

MORRIS -- Sunshine Raye Nimsey won the title of 1990 Johnson-O'Malley-Title IV Indian Princess of Morris Public School during Indian Heritage Week. She is in the fourth grade and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morgan. Maternal grandparents are William Buster Barnett of Dustin and the late Mariah Randall Barnett.



Wetumka native earns arts degree

CHINLE, Ariz. -- Martha (Tillie) Alvey Noon-Tomah, a fullblood Creek from Wetumka, Okla., will work on the Navajo Reservation as an art instructor. Noon-Tomah, the daughter of LeeAnna Barnett and Nathan Noon Sr., graduated from Northern Arizona University a bachelor of fine arts degree in jewelry and metalsmithing. At NAU, she was a member of the National Native American Honor Society, President's Honor Roll (one year), Dean's Honor Roll (two years) and the NAU Jewelers Guild. She was co-coordinator of the Chinle Unified School District's Fine Arts Festival for two years.

Bixby teen makes state honor roll

BIXBY -- Stephen Factor, who will be in the eighth grade at Bixby Junior High School, has been selected to the Oklahoma Junior High State Honor Society. Factor has completed the seventh grade with a 4.0 grade point average. He participates in track and football for the junior high. Factor is the son of Mike and Peggy Factor of Bixby and grandson of Susie Franks of Checotah and Lucille Factor of Okmulgee.



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Aspiring artists get marketing advice

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

OKMULGEE -- At one time Muscogee artist Bobby Satterfield lacked the confidence to show his pen and ink drawings to anyone.

So it was with some apprehension that he attended an arts and crafts workshop presented by the Indian Arts and Crafts Board Advisory Services at the Creek Council House Museum.

"I was really scared to go because I've never shown my artwork before, but it offered a lot of knowledge to bring out the confidence in us," Satterfield said.

"It turned out real good for me."

That's the intent of the Indian Arts and Crafts Board Advisory Services. Craig Locklear, a representative for the independent federal agency (located in the U.S. Department of Interior), was in Okmulgee in mid-June to help aspiring artists and craftspeople market their trade.

Satterfield said with the help and knowledge he gained out of the experience he not only is aware of how to improve his artwork, but also is motivated to market his pen-and-ink drawings.

"I've got to get different pens because I used to do my work with the kind of ink pen you've got there," said Satterfield referring to an ordinary ink pen.

"It turned out real well for the lady (Georgia Akean Powell, Cheyenne) with the beadwork; he took pictures and was talking about putting them in brochures."

Locklear taught at the Institute for American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, N.M., before his employment with the board two years ago.

As an art surveyor he is responsible for telling artists and craftspeople how their work can be improved. Locklear obtains information about artists

and takes photos of arts and craftwork. From this he compiles trip reports that become a part of the board's archives.

For the advisory service the stop at the Council House was a first. Tommy Steinsiek, Council House Museum curator, said that there was a big, as well as positive, response to the workshop.

"Initially he was only scheduled to be here until three, but he didn't leave until around 4:30," Steinsiek said.

She said Locklear was very pleased with the turnout of about 25 artists and craftspeople. It seemed that most of the participants were satisfied with the workshop as well.

"Everyone responded in a positive manner except for one artist who felt the group (the advisory service) only selected the cream of the crop," said Steinsiek adding it is only natural for them to want to choose the best artists and craftspeople.

Locklear said museums and the general public call the board when they want to purchase certain items or when they need information about Indian arts and crafts. The board also helps Native American artists get their work exhibited in museums and acts as a source directory of Indian-owned arts and crafts businesses.

The board owns three museums in the United States that are located in reservation areas and are the "cultural focal points for residents of the area," according to a brochure distributed by the advisory service.

One of the museums, the Southern Plains Indian Museum, is located in Anadarko.

Locklear, of the Lumbe Tribe, said the Indian Arts and Crafts Board Advisory Service's main goal is the promotion of contemporary Indian arts and crafts for people of Indian descent.

The board was established in 1935 in order to:

- improve the economic status of Native



Bobby Satterfield, left, of Okmulgee listens as Craig Locklear offers advice on Satterfield's pen and ink drawings.

Americans,

- insure the preservation of Indian heritage, as well as

- insure that Native Americans have participation and control in the Native American arts and crafts business. Locklear makes his survey trips in the spring, summer and fall. The traveling is hard, but the satisfaction of meeting and helping people is worth it, he said.

"I've heard people say that getting a showing in one of our museums is what helped them get on the trail," he said.

In Brief

Teen chosen Jr. Miss Tulsa

TULSA -- Luana Biggoose, 14, was chosen Junior Miss Indian Tulsa recently. Luana, a member of the Otoe, Iowa, Delaware, Ponca and Sioux tribes, is a student at Clinton Middle School in Tulsa. Her parents are James Martinez of Wetumka and Cece Biggoose of Tulsa. Maternal grandparents: Creek citizens Tony and Jean Mitchell of Dustin. Paternal grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Biggoose of Ponca City.

Okmulgee artist wins awards

OKMULGEE -- Jon Tiger received a first-place award in the graphic division at the Red Cloud Indian Art Show. Tiger's work titled "The Honored Ones" depicts an eagle feather with two facial features drawn within the texture of the feather. The work was done in color pencil. The Heritage Center in Pine Ridge, S.D., purchased this piece for its permanent collection. Tiger was given a plaque for his artistic contribution by the Native American Language Issues Institute June 7 during a conference in Oklahoma City. He designed the poster logo for the 1990 NALI Conference. Tiger also entered the 19th annual Trail of Tears Art Show in Tahlequah. His work, "The Survivors," received a special merit award in the miniature division.

Creek gets achievement award

TULSA -- Joseph Henry Bright, a Creek student at Holland Hall School will be honored for academic achievement at a statewide ceremony June 7 at Oklahoma City University. The recognition ceremony is sponsored by the Duke University Talent Identification Program to salute seventh graders from Oklahoma who qualified in TIP's 10th annual talent search. All students invited to the ceremony have earned scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Testing (ACT) Assessment comparable to college-bound seniors. Bright's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Bright of Broken Arrow. The Brights' other son, Hugh McDonald or "Don," also was a state finalist last year in math and verbal skills. Don was on the second-place team in Tulsa's Math Counts contest. Joe won three awards for creative writing from the Tulsa City-County Library System in its contest for youth authors.

Creek 2nd in painting, graphics

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Benjamin Harjo Jr, a Seminole-Creek, placed second in painting and second in graphics at the Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival. Harjo's painting was titled "A Hare's Difference." His graphic presentation was titled "Shadows are the Inspiration." Elissie B. John, a member of the Alabama-Quarsarte tribal town and current resident of Elton, La., placed first and second in the basket arts division.

Program graduates get jobs

OKMULGEE -- Five former Creek Nation Employment and Training program graduates have secured jobs. They include:

- Vicki Notz, Tulsa, graduate of micro-computer technology from Tulsa County Vo-Tech Southeast Campus in Broken Arrow, employed at Communications World in Tulsa;

- Phyllis Williams, Muskogee, medical assistant graduate from Bryan Institute in Tulsa, employed at St. Francis Home Care of Tulsa;

- Gregory Anderson, Okmulgee, graduate in diesel and heavy equipment at Oklahoma State University/Okmulgee, employed at Unit Rig and Equipment Co. of Tulsa;

- Sue Graves, Haskell, graduate of micro-computer technology from Tulsa County Vo-Tech Southeast Campus in Broken Arrow, employed at Haskell Public Works Authority of Haskell; and,

- Denise Robinson, Checotah, dental assistant graduate of Bryan Institute in Tulsa, employed at Grimes Dentistry in Tulsa.

The Employment and Training Administration assists persons in receiving training for various technical fields of study.

Birth announcement ...

Emilia Marshall Smith was born May 22 to Emily and Gary Smith. Emilia has blue eyes and light reddish-brown hair. She is the granddaughter of James and Patsy Armstrong.

Legislative Overview

How They Voted	NCA 90-36	NCA 90-46	NCA 90-48	NCA 90-58	
	Reconsider veto message of NCA 90-36 (a bill waiving immunity to allow suit by Gary Hardin). Bill failed: 16 no, 7 yes.	Approval of tribal attorney contract with Marvin Stepson Bill passed: 22 yes, 2 abstain.	Establishing an agribusiness board. Bill tabled: 22 yes, 2 no.	An amendment to NCA 82-30 that establishes jurisdiction for tribal courts. Bill passed: 24 yes, 0	
George Almerigi, Okmulgee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Richard Berryhill, Wagoner	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Larry Bible, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Eugene Birdcreek, Okfuskee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Johnson Buck, Hughes	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Robert Buck, Hughes	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Mose Cahwee, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ken Childers, Tulsa	Yes	Did not vote	Did not vote	Did not vote	
Helen Chupco, Muskogee	No	Abstain	Yes	Yes	
Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Clarence Cloud, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Helen Duncan, Wagoner	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bill Fife, Okfuskee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ed Frye, Creek	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee	No	Abstain	No	Yes	
Tony Hale, Okmulgee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Mae Jackson, Okfuskee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Clyde Johnson, Okfuskee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Frank Kamp, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Charlie Litsey, Okmulgee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Harley Little, Muskogee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tommy Newton, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tom Pickering, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Donna Rhodes, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Earl Wheeler, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Jerry Wilson, Tulsa	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Thomas Yahola, Hughes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

CA 90-59 Amendment to CA 89-91 that changes the percentages of the five-year plan to increase funding for the higher education department. Bill passed: 24 yes, 0	NCA 90-20 Approval of a property lease for Dana Petroleum. Bill passed: 21 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain.	NCA 90-63 Establishing procedures to process vouchers for the legislative and judicial branches. Bill passed: 11 yes, 10 no.	NCA 90-64 Prohibiting use of tribal judgment funds. Bill passed: 13 yes, 7 no, 1 abstain.	NCA 90-02 A resolution authorizing negotiations for an attorney contract between the Council and Greg Stidham. Bill passed: 11 yes, 10 no, 1 abstain.	NCA 90-65 Appropriating \$9,585 for operational expenses for the Glenpool Indian Community. Bill passed: 19 yes, 2 abstain.
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Hanna community not satisfied with tribal affairs efforts

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

HANNA -- Upset with defects in their newly-built center, Hanna Indian Community members requested that the tribal affairs director be subpoenaed to attend a meeting to resolve the center's problems.

Wilbur Gouge, community president, sent a letter to Ken Childers, National Council Speaker, requesting Childers subpoena Buddy York, tribal affairs director, to address problems with the center.

In early July, the center held two meetings, each time requesting York's presence. Members wanted York to be aware of numerous minor defects and contractual problems.

Community members also wanted York's response to news that the center had been accepted, in April, without their consent or knowledge.

Gary Clay, Five Star Roofing Co. owner, told the members at the July 9 meeting, York had accepted the center. Community members fear York's actions make them liable for any defects or bills incurred after April 3.

York has been on vacation since July 9 and has been unavailable for comment. Contacted earlier, York said he was unaware of the center's problems.

Gary Breshears, executive director, said he could not address the problems until he learned more specifics.

Gouge asked Childers to subpoena York through the National Council.

"I told York that I could subpoena him, but I'd rather he came on a gentleman's agreement," Childers said.

York sent Mike Saltsman, natural resources coordinator, to represent him at the July 9 meeting.

On April 3, Kizzie Harjo, community treasurer, said Saltsman presented her with a key to the community center and a letter signed by himself and Clay. Harjo said the letter did not specify any kind of agreement or acceptance of the center on behalf of the community. Clay contends that on that day Harjo signed an agreement accepting the building for the community.

"Mr. Clay says I've signed a letter and I didn't; if he's got one, he forged it," Harjo said.

Neither York or Saltsman could be reached to comment on whether the building officially had been accepted on that day.

Gouge said Saltsman had never inspected the building and had no authority to accept the center for the community.

At the July 9 meeting, Clay told the community that he would repair any defect in the center, up until April 2, 1991, that was due to workmanship. Agreeing that there are communication problems between himself and York, he told the community to call directly to his office if repairs needed to be made.

Clay said the Hanna Indian Community center was the only building has constructed for tribe that he has had problems with.

In Brief

Checotah community raises funds

CHECOTAH -- The Checotah Indian Community has been active the month of June donating money, offering a scholarship, and sponsoring three little league teams.

The community:

-- donated \$250 to the Children's Medical Center in Tulsa, via a money drive held by the Checotah Wal-Mart. The community also donated \$300 to Checotah's Old Settlers Day Rodeo to help purchase the championship saddle.

-- funded a \$500 academic achievement scholarship for

Kevin Phillips, Creek and Checotah High School graduate.

-- sponsored The Checotah Indian Community Indians, The Braves and The A's, all teams competing in a Muskogee-based little league.

-- held a membership drive during its last meeting June 12, at which two new prospective members attended.

The second anniversary of the community smokeshop was celebrated May 1-18. Drawings for \$100 and two \$50 drawings were offered, although were never claimed.

The community has purchased four new uniforms for the bingo employees which include two t-shirts with Indian motifs, one ribbon shirt and cummerbunds with bow ties for special occasions.

The community wishes speedy recoveries for active community member Leona Fox, who is reoperating from a broken leg, and Ross Candy, bingo employee, who is recovering from open heart surgery.

Tulsa community has new office

TULSA -- The Tulsa Indian Community held its first meeting June 26 in its new office. The office is in the same building with the same suite number, although in a larger office.

The community will be having a gigantic garage sale from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4 at 715 S. Birmingham in Tulsa. For more information call 749-6260.

Dewar may open smoke shop

DEWAR -- The possibility of opening a smoke shop is very probable for the Dewar Indian Community. The community hasn't met regularly for the past few months, because of the illness of several members, but the smokeshop will be discussed as soon as the members recover.

Lillie Scott is in the Henryetta Medical Center recovering from a light stroke she suffered on June 19; she anticipates to go home soon.

Houston Hicks would like to thank those individuals who offered their support and concern during his total hip replacement at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Oklahoma City June 18.

Community members are pleased to have Myrtle Mouser active in the community again after her long illness. Community member Ella Stand Van Meter recently passed away; her funeral was held at the Arbeka Baptist Church.

Lucille Bear, elderly nutrition program cook, prepared a wedding anniversary dinner honoring the community's senior citizen couples June 7. Ada and Amos Deo, who have been married for 64 years, held the record for having been married the longest. Liza and Houston Hicks, married 43 years, were the most newly wed.

Jenkins and Betty Hamilton, George and Mollie Hicks, Millie and Dock Yardy, Woody and Leona West and Esther Kelly were other community members who were present. All of those who attended would like to express their appreciation to Lucille Bear.

Coweta center buys appliances

COWETA -- Coweta Indian Community's recent purchased a microphone and speaker system and several new commercial appliances. The new appliances are expected to benefit community members as well as lessen the burden on Shirley Little, elderly nutrition program cook.

The new system, to be used during meetings, will be beneficial to the members of the community that have hearing problems. The commercial freezer, ice maker, coffee pot, and mixer will greatly benefit Coweta Indian Community's senior citizens, Little said.

There was a large attendance at the mothers' and fathers' day dinner June 7. The dinner was planned and prepared for the senior citizens by the elderly nutrition program employees.

The community's resident semi-pro wrestlers, Robert Bible (Standing Bear) and Robert Bush (Red Eagle), who call themselves "The Mighty Nations," will be wrestling Doc Savage

Veterans to meet Tuesdays

OKMULGEE -- The Vietnam Era Veterans Association Muskogee Nation Chapter in Okmulgee will start conducting its alcoholics anonymous and Al-Anon meetings on Tuesday nights beginning in August. Meetings begin at 8 p.m. at the Vietnam Veterans Smoke Shop at the old Oakdale School.

Birthdays

Ashley Dawn Pigeon

Ashley Dawn Pigeon celebrated her first birthday with a Sesame Street Party. Ashley is the daughter of Beverly Pigeon, granddaughter of Willie and Pat Pigeon, and great-granddaughter of Stella and Caine Roberts of Okemah, and the late Sam and Easter Pigeon of Tahlequah.



Anniversaries

Ex-Weleetkans celebrate 50th

UPPERLAKE, Calif. -- Willis and Louise Robinson, Creek citizens formerly of Weleetka, Okla., celebrated their 50th anniversary June 23. Willis is the son of the late Joe Robinson of Weleetka. Louise (Ramsey) Robison is the daughter of the late W.C. Robison. Willis and Louise were married at Dustin, Okla., in 1940 and moved to California. They have three daughters: Lee Ann of Nice, Calif.; Jannie of Lake Port, Calif., and Shirley of Guerneville, Calif. They served as hostesses at the anniversary. There were 81 guests.

Weddings

Skeeter-Back

TULSA -- Stephanie Lea Skeeter and Mark Alan Back exchanged wedding vows April 14 at a ceremony in Woodward Park. Honor attendants were Marcy Skeeter and Jana Vinson, Manuel Salas and David Back. Parents of the bride are Melba Williams of Glenpool and Joe Skeeter of Liberty Mounds. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Back of Tulsa. Stephanie is a 1989 graduate of Glenpool High School. Mark graduated from Edison High School in Tulsa.

Global Walk makes stop in Kellyville

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

KELLYVILLE -- Kellyville Indian Community recently hosted the overnight stay of another community, although not typical of a community most people are accustomed to.

Members' ages in this community ranged from 4 to 72. Their occupations and races were just as diverse, varying from biophysicists, lawyers and teachers to poets, Soviets and Buddhist Monks. Their skin is of many different colors; red, brown, black, yellow, and white.

But their concerns are the same.

In their Global Walk for a Livable World, they have dedicated themselves to saving the Earth and making people aware of the environmental crisis and what can be done about it. Those participating in the walk gathered in Los Angeles Jan. 15, 1990, for two weeks of orientation. They began walking Feb. 2, at the rate of 15 to 17 miles per day, with the goal of completing the journey Oct. 24 in New York City at United Nations headquarters.

The group reached Oklahoma in June and stayed June 14 at the Kellyville Indian Community Center. Steve McClure, outreach coordinator, said the walk consisted of 85 people.

Although the number of walkers may vary anywhere from 60 to 130 people, who may join or leave the group from state to state, McClure said there are only 40 to 50 original walkers in the community. He said some of the group's concerns are changing the lifestyles of the general public. He said fossil fuels and carbon dioxide are destroying the air, creating a hole in the ozone, polluting the land, water and air. In addition, he said power plants that produce nuclear energy continue to ignore the fact there is still no safe way to dispose of nuclear waste.

"Our big purpose, overall, is to get people thinking about the environment with every action they take, such as when you use a pen or Walkman. You have to stop and ask yourself questions like, 'did the production of this pen harm the earth?', and, 'how long will this pen be on the Earth after I throw it away?'" he said.

"People have too much faith and think everything's going to be okay and that the government's going to come up with some type of solution when the solution is really ourselves."

The hardest part of the walk for McClure is the harsh weather and he misses being away from his home in Chicago.

"Another thing that's been hard is the weather; we really didn't have a spring, we just sort of jumped from winter to summer. Also living with 85 people is difficult because essentially you have



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Laura Johnson, Native Connections Coordinator for Global Walk, displays two lanterns that were lit from the Hiroshima Memorial's eternal flame in Japan. The lanterns' flames are kept lit throughout the walk.

85 roommates."

McClure said so far the best part of the walk has been the support the community has received from the residents of the towns and cities they have passed through and the two weeks the group spent on the Navajo Nation.

"A lot of people looked upon those two weeks as the best time of this walk. The Navajo people were really good to us. I remember walking into Leupp (Ariz.) and they were waiting for us with fried bread and mutton. People always brought firewood to our camp," he said.

McClure said people of the area told him they've never seen the residents of the Navajo Nation respond to non-Indians in that manner.

Rebekah Reppert, responsible for locating campsites at which the community can stay overnight, approached Kellyville City Hall for accommodations.

City officials, in turn, referred her to the Kellyville Indian Community Center. Shirley Brown, chairperson of the Kellyville Indian Community, said Reppert approached her for accommodations two days before the group arrived in Kellyville.

Brown said she didn't hesitate to let the group stay there because "they were doing a good thing, caring for the Earth and the environment."

Willy Fragoza, a member of the community, said Indians in Kellyville, as well as throughout Oklahoma, have treated the group real well.

Laura Johnson, Native Connections Coordinator for the walk, is responsible for hooking the walk up with tribal representatives of each state the walk passes through.

Johnson said if the community crosses or stays on land belonging to Native Americans she makes sure the group respects and complies with the wishes of that particular tribe.

The group's goal is to contact as many natives as possible in order to spread information con-

cerning environmental issues as well support native people's sovereign, treaty and human rights.

Johnson and other members of the community are active in helping to defend Big Mountain, a section of Navajo (Dineh)/Hopi land referred to as the "joint use area." They are supporters of the natives' rights to stay on their ancestral land despite government effort to coerce them into relocation. They are also active in disseminating information concerning Peabody Coal Co.'s strip mining and desecration of Dineh/ Hopi land north of Big Mountain.

McClure said environmental issues that directly pertain to Oklahomans are Kerr-McGee's spraying of raffinate over hundreds of acres of Oklahoma land. He said that it is sprayed for the purpose of fertilization, although it is really a refined form of nuclear waste.

Johnson also said the Environmental Protection Agency has given the Conoco Oil Co. a permit which allows them to dump 173 pounds of cancer-causing chemicals, from their Ponca City plant, into the Arkansas River daily.

McClure said the only way to stop these companies is to write the governor and state representatives who are allowing this to happen.

Not only do the members of the walk spread information concerning environmental issues, but they also pick up litter and plant trees along their route, participate in fairs by displaying alternative technologies that are healthier for the environment. Also, the group has educated 10 to 20 thousand school-age children along their route.

The walk may be over on Oct. 24, United Nations Day, but this will only complete the first phase of the global walk.

The Phase II Walk (Eurasian Pilgrimage) will resume spring 1991 in London and end Aug. 6, 1993, in Hiroshima, Japan (Hiroshima Day) after having crossed 12 countries.

Census Bureau urges uncounted American Indians to file shorter version

American Indians in Oklahoma will be among the groups targeted for the "Were You Counted?" campaign by the U.S. Census Bureau.

"Were You Counted?" is an abbreviated census questionnaire to determine if people were counted in the 1990 census.

People not counted should fill out "Were You

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Counted?" forms available in most newspapers or the form can be completed by calling 1-800-999-1990.

Census data is used in many federal programs

that grant monies to American Indian tribes and reservations for food, health, housing, community development, education and many other services.

The Census Bureau must report final state population totals to the President by Dec. 31, 1990.

In Brief

Weleetka to host political forum

WELEETKA -- The Weleetka Indian Community will be hosting a candidates forum for politicians running for district and Okfuskee County offices at 7 p.m., July 27.

Following the candidate forum will be a pie auction.

The community also is offering tutorial assistance for children in kindergarten through 12th grade from 4 to 5 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday through the second week in August. The community urges area youth to seek tutoring assistance or to come by the center if in need of a cool, quiet place to study.

Kellyville schedules flea market

KELLYVILLE -- The Kellyville Indian Community holds a flea market and food sale of Indian tacos, fried bread, and dried corn and beef from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Saturday.

The community recently celebrated the 90th birthday of community member Daisy Harris with a potluck dinner. Harris is active in the community as well as the Kellyville Methodist Church.

Okmulgee to fete Creek youth

OKMULGEE -- So it can honor 30 Okmulgee Creek youth who participated in the Creek Nation Youth Olympics the Okmulgee Indian Community will be holding its monthly meeting at 7 p.m., July 9 at Kiddie Lake. The children, who took second place, will be treated with a wiener roast and the presentation of their medals.

Hanna starts silversmith class

HANNA -- The Hanna Indian Community started silversmith classes on Monday, June 16, and will be offering them from 7-9 p.m. every Monday and Tuesday at the community center.

The community also will be selling fireworks until July 6.

Princess to represent state

SAPULPA -- Janita Screehowl, 1989-90 Creek Nation Princess, will represent Oklahoma at the Miss Hemisphere International Finals in Miami, Fla., Aug. 15-19. Screehowl won the 1990 Oklahoma Miss Hemisphere at a recent pageant.

Powwows

Golfers can tee off at Tulsa Powwow

TULSA -- The Indian Health Care Benefit Open Golf Tournament, held in conjunction with the Tulsa Powwow, is scheduled Aug. 11-12 at Mohawk Park Golf Course.

Proceeds benefit Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa, Inc. This year, Wilma Mankiller, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, is honorary chairperson on the Indian Health Care golf committee.

Entry fee: \$55 per person which includes green fees and a Saturday banquet. Entry fee after Aug. 1: \$65. A \$10,000 hole-in-one contest will be Aug. 11 along with other opportunities to win cash, merchandise and prizes.

Entry forms are available through Abel Noah at Indian Health Care. Call 918-582-7225.

Eufaula, Aug. 31-Sept. 3

EUFAULA -- The fourth annual Eufaula Indian Community Powwow is scheduled Aug. 31-Sept.



Creek Nation health workers show off the plaques presented to them at a reception held at the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah. Service plaques were presented and longtime employees recognized.

Health workers get awards

OKEMAH -- Creek Nation Indian Health Services presented plaques to employees of its community hospital and clinics at a reception.

Receipients are:

-- Five-year plaques (Sapulpa Indian Health Clinic): Sherry A. Baker, Community Health Nurse, 6 years; Bill R. Brown, Laboratory, 7; Joan Carr, Medical Records, 7; Joyce L. Edwards, Dental, 5; Sharon A. Floyd, RN, Nursing, 9; Carol A. Pendergrass, LPN, Nursing, 9. (Eufaula Indian Health Clinic): Linda J. Lowe, Administrative Assistant, 6 years; Stanley J. Smith, D.O., Medical staff, 6; David L. Smith, D.O., Chief of Staff, 6 (Okemah Outpatient Clinic) Charlena Dunlap, administrative clerk, 9; Anita L. Hudson, nursing, 8; Frank E. Mock, pharmacist, 7; Eliza Wind, housekeeping, 5. (Creek Nation Community Hospital) Earnestine Boatman, chemical abuse, 6; Sammy Hill, laboratory, 5; Anita Sands, medical records, 6; David Reed, EMS, 5; Janice Earnest, nursing, 5; Brenda Lowe, nursing 8; Jean McCoy, nursing/personnel, 5; Jonita Mills, nursing, 6; Shirley Reed, nursing, 5; Margaret Roberts, nursing, 5;

Mabel Wood, nursing, 5; Arthelia Smith, nursing, 5.

-- Ten-year plaques (Okmulgee Dental Clinic): Patricia Williams, dental assistant, 10 years. (Eufaula Indian Health Clinic), Jack Belcher, Custodial Officer, 10. (Okemah Indian Health Clinic), Betsy Proctor, LPN, Nursing, 10.

The Creek Nation Community Hospital recognized employees who have been on the job since the hospital opened in 1978. They are: Patty Barnett, LPN nursing; Theresa Hargrove, LPN nursing; Maxine Hill, LPN nursing; and Elvania Swayze, controller.

Others recognized for their service: Sally Foster, administrator, 11 years; Sonya Ward, payroll/administrative assistant, 11; Franklin Lowe, purchasing supervisor, 10; Betty Scott, housekeeping supervisor, 10; Alma Bridgeford, RN nursing, 10; Jane Curry, nursing assistant, 10; Ethel Humble, ward clerk, 10; Nell Kincaid, nursing assistant, 10; Abby Larney, LPN nursing, 10; Frances Miller, nursing/respiratory therapy, 10; Helen Tiger, nursing assistant, 10.

3 at the eastside ballpark. Activities available include: co-ed softball tournament, domino tournament, archery contest, stomp dance (Friday evening, Aug. 31) and powwow nightly.

The powwow's head staff:

-- Stanely John, Navajo from Tahlequah, master of ceremony;

-- Marcy Skeeter, Creek of Tulsa, 1990 princess;

-- Laura Sigwing, Otoe/Sac & Fox, head lady dancer;

-- George Alexander, Ponca City, head man dancer;

-- Lee and Walter Larney, arena directors.

Head singer and head gourd dancer have yet to be named.

For information, call 918-689-5066.

Rapid City, S.D., July 6-8

RAPID CITY, S.D. -- A championship powwow singing and dancing contest will be featured at the fourth annual Black Hills and Northern Plains Indian Powwow and Arts Expo July 6-8. The event is sponsored by the Black Hills Powwow Association. More than \$20,000 in prize money will be given away. Other events: arts and crafts booths, special art exhibits, camping and a carnival. For information, call 605-341-0925.

Wounded Knee, S.D., July 23-29

WOUNDED KNEE, S.D. -- "Healing Through Spirit '90" is the theme for the Wounded Knee Centennial Memorial Peace Camp and Powwow July 23-29 here. Tree planting activities will take place each evening as a memorial to the victims of the 1890 massacre of Chief Big Foot, his band and guests. Information: Contact Barbara Means Adams, 3917 Northeast 50th St., Seattle, Wash., 98105 or call 206-526-5144.

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 20-21

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- Movie and television star Iron Eyes Cody will be honorary chairman for the Rising Eagle 1990 Fall Festival Powwow Oct. 20-21. The powwow, sponsored by the Native American Indian Association of Tennessee, Inc., will be held on the grounds of Hermitage Landing Lakeside Resort here.

Other powwows:

-- July 13-15, annual Sac and Fox Powwow, Sac and Fox Tribal Grounds, south of Stroud. Call 918-438-1209;

-- July 27-29, Indian Hills Powwow, North Sooner Road, Oklahoma City. Call 405-390-4425; O-HO-MAH Lodge Powwow, Indian City, U.S.A., Anadarko. Call 405-247-6651.

In Brief

Euchee athlete commits to OU

GREAT BEND, Kan. -- Brad Harris, a Euchee, signed a letter of intent to throw the discus and shot put for the University of Oklahoma track team. Harris has amassed more than 140 medals, both in high school and summer Junior Olympics competition, the past nine years. Harris' personal best toss of 184 feet, 6 inches, at the Western Athletic Conference meet currently ranks him fourth in the nation, and leads the Kansas state discus field for the third consecutive year. He is a four-time state AAU champion in the shot and discus; three-time Missouri Valley champion and two-time Region Eight Champion. He was a high school All-American in 1989 and the 1987 Missouri Valley Most Outstanding Athlete. He also was an indoor All-American in 1988 through 1990. Harris' parents are Bob and Carol Harris of Great Bend. His grandparents are Burl and Anita Harris of Plainville, Kan., and great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Art Record of Sapulpa, Okla.



Creek selected co-captain

BIXBY -- Patrick Factor, who will be a senior at Bixby High School in the fall, has been elected as co-captain of the Bixby Spartan football team. Factor completed his junior year with a 3.5 grade point average, qualified for the state powerlifting championships (in the 181- to 198-pound category) and was selected to the Who's Who of High School Students. Factor is the son of Mike and Peggy Factor of Bixby and grandson of Susie Franks of Checotah and Lucille Factor of Okmulgee.



Nashville to host tournament

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- The first annual National Native American Invitational softball tournament is scheduled Aug. 3-5. Entry fee: \$125 cashiers check or money order. Entry deadline: July 1, 9 p.m. Mail entries with check or money order to: NAIA, 410 Stahlman Building, 211 Union St., Nashville, TN 37201.

Seminole tournament July 27

SEMINOLE -- Entry deadline for the July 27-29 Meskehotvle (Summer Wind) Invitational Co-ed Volleyball Tournament is July 24. Entry fee: \$35. Awards: T-shirts and team trophy for first-place; individual trophies and one team trophy for second; team trophy for third; sportsmanship trophy; hardluck trophy and all-star trophies (six). The tournament will be four miles east and 3.5 miles north of the intersection of Oklahoma highways 9 and 99. Call: 405-382-6741.

Creek athlete takes her shot to Soviet Union

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

When Vicki Camp played basketball for Eufaula High School, she played the game at a higher level than most of her competition.

Early in her senior year, when Camp was averaging nearly 40 points per game, it became obvious basketball would be her ticket to college.

What she didn't know was that basketball would be her ticket to the Soviet Union.

Camp, a 19-year-old Haskell Junior College freshman, is one of eight girls selected to the national Indian basketball team which will play in the Riga TTT basketball club tournament in the Soviet Union July 9-19.

The National Indian teams will be fly to Moscow and travel by train to Latvia, one of the Soviet republics that is seeking to establish its independence.

Camp says she has some apprehension about playing basketball with so much social upheaval taking place.

"I've seen the news reports on television about all of the trouble over there and at first I was a little scared," Camp said. "I feel comfortable now and I am excited to be travelling and playing basketball."

Whether she is making a drive to the basket or changing schools, making adjustments has been a part of Camp's life since her childhood.

At Eufaula, Camp played by the more popular six-on-six rules. Under these rules, players must adhere to the halfcourt line and specialize in playing guard (defense) or forward (offense).

When most Oklahoma high school players have trouble adjusting to the full court five-on-five college game, Camp made the transition easily at HJC.

In her first year playing at the college level, Camp was named to the Region VI all-tournament team. One of three freshman picked for the All Region VI team, Camp was recognized as Haskell's Most Valuable Player.

The talents of Camp, a 5-foot-8 shooting guard, attracted the attention of Haskell men's basketball coach Jess Mendoza.

When asked by Ted Hall of the National Indian Athletic Association and coordinator of the Soviet Union trip, Mendoza did not hesitate to place



Photo by Jim Wolfe
Vicki Camp has developed a mother-daughter relationship with Martha Houle, a Haskell Institute alumna who lives in Lawrence, Kan.

Camp on the squad.

But talent alone won't get her to the USSR. Each member of the team had to raise at least \$3,000 for the excursion.

Haskell alumni Mr. & Mrs. Milton Kidwell of Muskogee made contributions as did the National Haskell Alumni Association, the Oklahoma Alumni Association, the Lawrence Alumni Association and the Creek Nation.

The person most helpful has been Martha Houle, herself a Haskell alumna.

Living in Lawrence, Houle has helped numerous Creek students make the transition from Oklahoma to college life. She said her relationship with Camp is like mother-daughter.

"I was told by one of the coaches about this basketball player from Eufaula," Houle said, recalling the first time she had heard of Camp. "If she decides to come up, I'll help her get adjusted (to college life)."

Despite breaking her pelvis in two places this spring, Houle has been tireless in her efforts to assist Camp. Numerous phone calls were made, letters were written and lots of miles were travelled all to help Camp make the Russian tour.

Camp is eager to play in the Soviet Union. The experience should make her a better basketball player, she said.

"The competition will be tough and the experience of playing overseas should help next year," Camp said.

Creek athlete to play baseball at OBU

OKLAHOMA CITY -- John Bear has signed a letter of intent to play baseball for Oklahoma Baptist University, a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in Shawnee.

Bear, a 1990 graduate of U.S. Grant High School in Oklahoma City, led his team to a third-place finish in the state high school baseball playoffs.

Playing two positions for the Generals, Bear



had a 10-3 record as a pitcher and as a shortstop led the team in hitting with a .450 batting average.

Though recruited by several other schools and invited to the professional Texas Rangers tryout, Bear said he has other priorities than baseball.

"First, I need and want an education along with baseball," said Bear. "I think OBU will let me get that."

This summer Bear is playing shortstop for Reynolds Lettering, an Oklahoma City American Legion Team. He will participate in the Oklahoma Coaches Association All State Baseball Game.

He is the son of the late John and Susan Bear, of Oklahoma City, and the grandson of Juanita Dunson, Henryetta.

In Brief

College sophomore wins pageant

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Laura Sigwing, 20, was named 1990 Miss Indian Oklahoma at a pageant sponsored by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women. Sigwing, member of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, is a sophomore at Central State University in Edmond where she majors in elementary education. She is a graduate of Red Rock High School and was presented the Salutatorian Award for scholastic achievement. She belongs to the Oklahoma and National Honor Society and Who's Who Among American High School Students. At the pageant, she performed the traditional eagle dance and sung the Broadway musical "If My Friends Could See Me Now." Sigwing also won pageant awards in best essay, evening gown and contemporary dress. First runnerup went to Carla Carey, Miss Cherokee; and second runnerup to Kennetha Siemens, Otoe Tribal Princess. Other candidates: Janita Screechowl, Creek Nation Princess; Jamie Barse, Sac & Fox tribe; Julianna Redcorn, Osage tribe; Danelle Wilde,



Pawnee tribe and Marjorie Bighorse, Osage tribe. Carey won pageant awards in traditional talent and Miss Congeniality. Barse won the modern talent award. For information on appearances by Miss Indian Oklahoma, contact Laura Sigwing, Route 1, Box 83-2, Red Rock, OK, 74651 or call 405-723-4310; or contact OFIW President Shirley Wapskineh, 515 S.E. 45th, Oklahoma City, 73129 or call 405-632-5227.

Bacone art director to visit Austria

MUSKOGEE -- Ruthe Blalock Jones, art director at Bacone College, has been invited to participate and display hers and other Native American art works at the Ninth Symposium of the International Society of Polyaesthetic Education Sept. 17-23 in Mittersill, Austria. Jones will join educators and artists from educational institutions in Germany, Austria, Hungary, Israel, Poland, England and China. Seminars will be in a 14th century medieval castle operated by the International Council of Churches in the Austrian Alps.

Museum art entries due Aug. 24

MUSKOGEE -- Entries are being accepted for the Five Civilized Tribes Museum Art Competition scheduled Sept. 14 through Oct. 15.

Deadline for entry is Aug. 24. A reception and awards presentation is scheduled Sept. 14, 7 to 9 p.m. at the museum art gallery on Agency Hill on Honor Heights Drive.

Awards will be given in painting, graphics and sculpture categories. Other awards:

-- Best of show art (\$500), judged to be the most superior in technique and interpretation of Indian Heritage;

-- Indian Heritage Award (\$100), presented to the work art in each tribal division which contributes most to an understanding, appreciation and preservation of the heritage of the artist's tribe. A Grand Heritage Award of \$200 also will be given.

Members of any of the Five Civilized Tribes by blood and 18 years or older are eligible. If one is a member of more than one of the tribes, the entrant must chose the tribe they wish to enter for the heritage awards. Entrants are required to enclose proof of tribal heritage card.

Entries are limited to three per artist. All entries must be for sale.

Contact Barbara S. Eisenhart or Debra G. Synar, Five Civilized Tribes Museum, Agency Hill, Honor Heights Drive, Muskogee, OK, 74401 or call 918-683-1701.

Bacone names interim president

MUSKOGEE -- Dr. Elnora T. Huyck was named interim president of Bacone College. Huyck has served two terms on the Board of Trustees at Bacone College and was chairperson for the Academic Committee for the Board.

Purebloods series on display at OU

NORMAN -- "The Search for the Purebloods," a series of original portraits by Oklahoma artist Charles Banks Wilson, will be on display through Sept. 1 at the Oklahoma Museum of Natural History.

The exhibit represents pureblood members of nearly half of the 62 Indian tribes that exist in Oklahoma. The exhibit can be viewed from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 2 to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sunday.

Tulsa, Okmulgee, Creek and Northern Okfuskee county campers



Hughes, McIntosh, Muskogee, Wagoner and southern Okfuskee county campers



Nearly 200 students from ages 14 to 21 participated in the Creek Nation Summer Youth Employment Program camps June 4-14. Hughes, McIntosh, Muskogee, Wagoner and southern Okfuskee counties had a total of 89 participants for the first camp June 4-7. Tulsa, Okmulgee, Creek and northern Okfuskee counties were present with 105 participants for the second week. The welcome and orientation were presented by Perry Anderson, SYEP Camp Coordinator. The Creek Nation SYEP Camp is designed to introduce participants to employment through the Job Employment Placement Administration Program.

In Brief

Northeast District plans camp

PRESTON -- Youth from Northeast District churches of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference will converge on the Northeast District Center here July 29-Aug. 3 for the annual Summer Youth Camp.

Theme for the camp: "The Lord in mighty in 1990!" The camp will feature a week of Bible studies, worship, fun, swimming, Indian crafts and more.

Approximately 75 youth from 16 churches attended last year's camp and more are expected this year. Cost: \$30 per church, no matter how many each church brings. The local church youth coordinators or pastors have the forms which each participant must sign and return by July 1 to the youth coordinator or pastor.

Registration: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. July 29. The camp will conclude with lunch on Friday.

Participants will need to bring items such as bedding, cots, pillows, fans, towels and personal toiletries. Each camper will be assigned a cabin and must stay on the grounds the entire time.

There will be a concession stand at the camp and each youth also must bring \$4 for swimming at Lake Greenwood in Okmulgee. There will be a fund raising day for the Youth Service Fund.

Information: Contact David Wilson at P.O. Box 9, Okay, OK 74447 or call 405-632-2006 or 918-683-3443 on weekends.

Songfest in Del City July 21

DEL CITY -- The Inter-Tribal Hymn Songfest Committee is inviting participants for its event July 21 at the Mary Lee Clark United Methodist Church. Committee officials say they would like the songfest to be the largest of its kind involving Native American hymns. The public is invited to participate. Between every Indian tribal song, and English hymn will be sung. The church is located at 110 Howard Drive. For information, contact George Bunny, 2941 Cashion Place, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

Reunion set at Artussee Baptist

EUFAULA -- The fourth annual Francis Reunion is scheduled Artussee Baptist Church July 14. Information: Call Rose Sulphur at 816-765-5807 or Anna King 918-437-5953.

Grave Creek to host singing

HITCHITA -- Singers and listeners are invited to a gospel singing Aug. 11 at Grave Creek Church. Singing will begin at 8 p.m. Emcee will be Darrell "Spook" Wesley and Unity.

Haikey Chapel invites singers

TULSA -- Haikey Chapel Indian Methodist Church will be host to a gospel singing July 28. Refreshments will be provided. Church

Springfield singing set July 21

OKEMAH -- The Psalms Quartet of Stilwell will be featured at the Springfield Methodist Church's annual gospel singing July 21. Singing will begin at 7:30 p.m. Other featured performers: Country Gospel, Berryhill Quartet, New Life- Oklahoma City, Psalms Trio and

Springtown hosts VBS in July

BROKEN ARROW -- Springtown Methodist Church will conduct a Vacation Bible School July 16-20, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Bishop appoints Ponca to lead state conference

By DAVID WILSON
Contributing Writer

ANTLERS -- The Rev. Thomas Roughface became the first Native American to be appointed superintendent of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.

Roughface was appointed by Bishop Dan E. Solomon June 10 at the OIMC's annual conference here.

"We have turned the corner and are ready to claim our own destiny," Bishop Solomon said of Roughface's appointment.

"Native American persons belong in the leadership among other Native Americans for the sake of the mission of the whole church and Reverend Roughface brings unique gifts and commitment to this position.

"His service in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and his respect among his peers make this appointment particularly significant."

Roughface also was the first Native American to be assistant to the bishop at the close of the 1989 conference.

In his new position, Roughface will join Bishop Solomon in the appointment of pastors, administration of all areas of the conference and guidance of the total missional life of the OIMC.

Roughface enters into his 32nd year of ministry in the OIMC this June and will continue to serve as pastor at El Reno United Methodist Church. He has served as director of the Conference Council on Higher Education and Ministry for the past nine years.

In other matters discussed at the conference:

-- OIMC members raised more than \$4,000 before and during the conference session. The group was inspired by recent trips by Bishop Solomon and Roughface to the South American country. The money will go to build at least new churches in Bolivia, Roughface said. Churches and individuals in the conference will continue to pledge and donate money for Bolivia throughout the year.

-- The Rev. David Adair, Cherokee, was appointed superintendent of the Northeast District. Adair has served 24 years in the OIMC and also

All-night gospel singing in Holdenville just keeps growing

By TOMMY CUMMINGS
Communications Director

HOLDENVILLE -- Nathan Buck probably had no idea a simple all-night gospel singing would evolve into such a big event here in rural Hughes County.

Buck, who died in 1966, started his all-night singing in 1932. It was a simple one-night event.

Today, the two-night songfest is an annual event, attracting as many as 5,000 people in a concert-type setting before an outdoor stage. Politicians take advantage of the gathering to campaign.

This year, the Frank and Nathan Buck Jr. Memorial All Night Gospel Singing will be July 20-21 at Buck Memorial Park. The park is one mile west and 2 1/2 miles south of the intersection of Oklahoma highways 48 and 270.

The singing starts at 6:30 nightly. Guests are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs.

Appointments

The following are appointments for the Northeast District churches of the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference:

- Yeager circuit: the Rev. Robert Baker.
- Broken Arrow United Methodist Church: the Rev. Roy Bigpond.
- Mutteloke UMC: the Rev. Sammy Chupco Jr.
- Bixby circuit: the Rev. Newman Frank Sr.
- Tulsa Indian UMC: the Rev. Taylor Harjo Jr.
- Honey Creek Circuit: the Rev. Thomas Long.
- Seminole Hitchitee: the Rev. Donald Jones.
- Witt Memorial: the Rev. Charles Little.
- Wetumka circuit: the Rev. Jacob Ray McGilbray.
- Nagawee: the Rev. Walter McGirt.
- Newtown UMC: the Rev. Floyd Peters.
- Fife Memorial UMC: the Rev. Ed Himna.
- Choska circuit: the Rev. Jimmie White.
- Pickett Chapel: the Rev. Vincent Mike Harjo.

has served the general church for a special preaching mission to Central and South America. He also is an author of church school curriculum. Adair has been pastor at D.D. Etchieson in Tahlequah for the past six years.

-- A new definition for a minimum salary for pastors was approved and the lowest entry level pastor's salary was raised to \$10,000.

-- Pastors and delegates discussed the upcoming Mission Saturation event that will be a first for the conference Sept. 8-13. Twenty-five interpreters from outside and within the OIMC will participate in the event, which will cover all of the four districts in the conference.

-- The 1989 membership statistics for the conference showed a drop from 8,130 members in 1988 to 7,837 members. This was due primarily to 293 members being dropped from the membership rolls in 1989. However, 91 new members were received on confession of faith and 153 were baptized.

-- The 1991 annual conference will be held in June at the West District Center in Anadarko.

Sixteen gospel groups have been contracted to perform, said Johnson Buck, Nathan Buck's son and coordinator of the event.

"One of the reasons this has turned out to be such a good event is we try to get talent, but we don't go after the high-priced professionals."

Buck said he prefers groups who charge moderate performing fees.

Since no admission is charged he subsidizes the singing with local businesses that advertise in the program and with money from concession sales.

"We have the money to put on the singing, but we never have any money after that -- we put all we have into it," Buck said. "People think we make money off of it, but we put the money back into maintaining and upkeeping the grounds."

Buck isn't sure how many to expect this year. Last year's singing endured periodic rainouts and had to be moved to an agri-barn in Holdenville.

The year before, however, it was well-attended. Buck said he estimates the parking lot covered at least 11 acres.

Violet Childers Freeman

COWETA -- Violet Childers Freeman, 79, of Coweta died June 7 in Tulsa. Prayer service was held June 10 at the Wright Funeral Home Chapel. Services were June 11 at the First United Methodist Church in Coweta with the Revs. John Lowe and Newman Frank officiating. Burial was at Vernon Cemetery in Coweta. Mrs. Freeman was born Aug. 22, 1910 to Walter and Alice (Burgess) Williams in the Pumpkin Center community near Bixby. She attended schools in Bixby, Haikey, Eufaula and Lawrence, Kan. (Haskell Institute). She lived in Coweta most of her life and was a member of the Haikey Chapel. In 1929, she moved to Coweta and made her home with husband Mose Childers. He preceded her in death in 1965. She also was preceded in death by three children and one brother, Raymond Williams. In 1968, she married Andrew Freeman who preceded her in death in 1985, having several stepchildren and step grandchildren. Survivors: three sons, Daniel Childers of Broken Arrow, Kenneth Childers of Glenpool and (stepson) Victor Childers of Tulsa; two daughters, Barbara Gillespie of Coweta and Joyce Bear of Tahlequah; a brother, John Williams of Albuquerque, N.M.; one nephew, one niece, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Pallbearers: Ronald McHenry, Charles McHenry, Harry Perryman, William Bruce Alexander, Grover Alexander Jr., and Micky Primeaux. Honorary pallbearers: Houston Hicks, Johnny Johnson, Wayne McHenry, German Thomas, Willard Denton and Walter McHenry.

Bessie Jane Littleman

EUFULA -- Bessie Jane Littleman, 47, of Eufaula died June 4 in her home in Eufaula. Services were June 7 at the Little Coweta Baptist Church with the Revs. Ernest Best and Gary Hawkins officiating. Burial was at the Morrison Family Cemetery. Mrs. Littleman was born Aug. 21, 1942 at Eufaula, the daughter of Yancy and Susie Morrison McFarland. She graduated from Eufaula High School in 1960, Haskell Institute in 1962 and Northeastern State University in 1987. She has worked as a legal secretary and had been a social worker with the Department of Human Services for the past four years. She was a member of Little Coweta Baptist Church where she was active in the choir. She was preceded in death by her father and a sister, Betty Sue McFarland. Survivors: one son, Yancy Littleman of Anadarko; two sisters, Mary Farrow of Eufaula and Peggy Dunham of Muskogee; one brother, Buddy McFarland of Eufaula and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Andrew Lee Berryhill

OKMULGEE -- Andrew Lee Berryhill, infant, died June 6 in Tulsa. Services were June 11 at the Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church. Interment followed in the Indian Baptist Church Cemetery with the Rev. Robert Washington officiating. Survivors: parents Gregory A. Berryhill and Sherry Lee Walton of Okmulgee; a brother, Kenneth Allan Berryhill of Okmulgee; paternal grandparents, Alfred Berryhill of Okmulgee and Annfred Platero of Phoenix, Ariz.; maternal grandparents, Lenard and Rosie Berryhill of Okmulgee; and paternal great grandparents, Togo and Lilly Berryhill of Okmulgee and Thompson and Marion Platero of Canoncito, N.M.

Frank C. Lewis

EUFULA -- Frank C. Lewis, 81, of Eufaula died May 24 at St. Francis Medical Center in Tulsa. Services were held May 26 at West Eufaula Indian Baptist Church with the Revs. Richmond Carr and Jim Kerr officiating. Lewis was born March 8, 1909 in Eufaula to Dan and Beulah Lewis. He was

a lifelong member and associate pastor of West Indian Baptist Church. He also was business manager of the Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Baptist Assembly for many years. He retired in 1989. Survivors: two sons, Jeremiah Lewis of Eufaula and Clifford Lewis of Edmond; two stepsons, Barnabas Grayson and Robert Grayson Jr. of Eufaula; four daughters, Christine McIntosh of Oklahoma City, Frankie Carr of Checotah, Shirlene Ade of Tucson, Ariz., Augustine Williams of Okmulgee; two step-daughters, Senoria Frenchman of Muskogee and Brenda Phillips of Checotah; a brother, the Rev. Washie Lewis of Eufaula; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Lewis was preceded in death by his wife, a son, two brothers and one sister. Pallbearers: Jerry Lewis, Lee McIntosh, Jay Duncan, David Ade, Michael Taylor and John Mark Tiger.

Alan Wayne Randall

WETUMKA -- Alan Wayne Randall, 29, died March at Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa. Services were held March 12 at the Creek Chapel Methodist Church with the Revs. George Doyle and Malcom Tiger officiating. Randall was born Sept. 8, 1960 at Tahlequah, the son of Richard and Agnes Lewis Randall. Alan Randall was raised in Weleetka and had more recently lived in Wetumka. He had worked on several construction jobs as a carpenter. Burial was in the Creek Chapel cemetery. Survivors: a son, Patrick of Holdenville; a daughter, Nancy of Holdenville; his wife, Lenora of Holdenville; his parents, Richard and Agnes Randall of Weleetka; five brothers, John and Mickey of Weleetka, Wesley, James and Steven of Oklahoma City; three sisters, Kogee Randall, Hannah Golden and Jeanetta Randall of Weleetka; paternal grandfather Sandy Randall of Weleetka; and several aunts, uncles and other relatives. Pallbearers: Harry Harjo, Herman Harjo, George Fixico, Jacob Fixico, Stanley Birdcreek, Nelson Harjo and Art Fields.

The Rev. Robert Jackson

OKEMAH -- The Rev. Robert Jackson, 82, died June 20 in the Creek Nation Community Hospital. Services were held June 23 at the Arbeka United Methodist Church with the Revs. Walter McGirt and Walter Roach officiating. Jackson was born March 27, 1908, in Seminole County. He was a retired Methodist minister and a lifetime member of the Arbeka United Methodist Church. He was a construction worker for many years until his retirement in 1975. He was married to Annie Brown in Okemah Feb. 3, 1932, and they lived in the Okemah area until his death. Survivors: his wife, Annie B. Jackson of the home; one son, Bobby Lee of Okmulgee; two daughters, Martha Jackson of Okemah and Ann Harjo of Midwest City; two foster sons, Kenneth Dale Jackson of Oklahoma City and Michael Lee Harjo of Okemah; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Burial was in the Sand Creek Cemetery.

Martha Bird Chalakee

OKMULGEE -- Martha Bird Chalakee, 74, died in her home June 21. Services were held June 25 at Newtown Indian Methodist Church with the Rev. Bud Sullivan officiating, assisted by the Rev. Thomas Long. Burial was in the Salt Creek Cemetery in the Wilson Community. Indian wake services were held June 24 at Newtown Indian Methodist Church with the Revs. Willie Goodin and Floyd Peters in charge. Martha Bird Chalakee was born March 5, 1916, in Okmulgee. She was a retired worker at Ball Brothers and a member of the Honey Creek Church. Survivors: three sons, Tom Chalakee and William D. "Bunky" Chalakee of Okmulgee and Billy W. Chalakee of Albuquerque, N.M.; seven daughters, Virginia Kolakowski, Marjorie Juneau, Sharon Tyndall and Donna Pickup

Thanks

Violet Childers Freeman family

Our mother and sister's last wishes were fulfilled because of your efforts. She had pre-arranged her funeral. We wish to take this opportunity to thank you. Words cannot express the compassion shown to us during our time of sorrow. Everyone who participated is special and will never be forgotten.

Respectfully: Daniel E. Childers and family, Barbara Gillespie and family, Kenneth L. Childers and family, Joyce Bear and family, Victor F. Childers and family and John P. Williams and family.

of Okmulgee, Thelma C. Harjo and Barbara C. Davis of Arlington, Va.; and Stella C. Harjo of Tulsa; 23 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Webster Chalakee in October 1987.

Polly Tebe Brown

HOLDENVILLE -- Polly Tebe Brown, 84, died June 24 at Holdenville General Hospital. Services were held June 27 at Seminole Indian Baptist Church with the Revs. Alex Burgess, George Jesse and George W. Harjo. Burial was in the Tebe Family Cemetery. She was born May 24, 1906, in Seminole



County. Brown lived most of her life in Seminole and Hughes counties. She was a member of the Seminole Indian Baptist Church. She was married to Joe E. Brown, who preceded her in death in 1986. Survivors: five daughters, Molly Brown of Holdenville, Ruth Brown of Oklahoma City, Josephine Brown of Holdenville, Wisey Brown of Holdenville, Tootsie Brown of the home; one son, Buster Brown of Holdenville; one grandson, Willie Chupco of the home; 16 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. Pallbearers: Hal Hulbutta, Paul Tebe, Sam Harjo, Henry Harjo, Tommy Tebe and Freddie Nelson.

Tom Bear Sr.

WEWOKA -- Tom Bear Sr., 81, of Wewoka died June 17 at Wewoka Memorial Hospital. Services were held June 20 at Many Springs Baptist Church with the Revs. Tom Bear Jr., Tom Phillips and Johnson Lee Bear officiating. Burial was in the Holdenville Cemetery. Tom Bear Sr. was born July 17, 1908, in Eufaula. He attended school in Eufaula and went on to Bacone College in Muskogee. During World War II, he was in the U.S. Air Force. He was married to Lucinda Yahola in Ada in 1929. She preceded him in death April 17, 1966. He moved to Holdenville in the late 1920s and returned to Eufaula in 1968. He married Idelle Barnett in 1968 and she preceded him in death in 1983. He returned to Wewoka in 1988 and married Cora Ellen Yahola Oct. 30, 1989. Survivors: his wife Cora of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, Tom Bear Jr. and Barbara Sue Bear of Ada; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Annie Tiger of Earlsboro and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers: Benny Bear, Jimmy Walker Jr., Buddy Bear, Muncy Bear, Edward Tiger and Monroe Laseley.

BIA

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issues that were not mentioned at the previous meetings. He did not know when another meeting would take place.

Though not with the Creek Nation, the BIA in the past has mediated some affairs involving the Seminole Nation and stepped in as mediator with several tribes in western Oklahoma.

BIA officials didn't regard the meetings with Creek Nation as formal sessions. Rather, they wanted an opportunity to bridge an apparent communications gap, one BIA official said.

Muskogee Area Superintendent Merritt Youngdeer, who called the first meeting, described relations between the two tribal branches as "strained and difficult."

However, Youngdeer said the BIA was "not going to take sides and not put a wedge in between the tribal branches."

The Creek Nation is sophisticated enough and have people with expertise in these matters, said Dennis Springwater, Muskogee area assistant superintendent.

"But if we can help we will do that," Springwater said.

Though BIA officials are hesitant to act directly, the political disputes, left unresolved, could result in a loss of BIA funds for programs and services.

"That's what we're trying to avoid," Gibson said. "We realize there are going to be disagreements, that's a part of growing up, but there are tremendous resources available to the Creek Nation and we want to help the tribe realize that potential."

When the BIA and Creek tribal leaders met in Muskogee, the meeting was an unintended open session.

Youngdeer had expected the meeting to be closed but Council Speaker Ken Childers made the announcement at a June 6 special session in Okmulgee. The session was attended by reporters and citizens.

At the Muskogee meeting, Youngdeer, as well as two other council members, expressed concern about the tribe's internal difficulties being aired in newspapers.

"I don't want to read about myself like I have Mr. (Steven) Fastwolf (IHS contract officer) because that's not anything I want to take part of," Youngdeer told the officials.

Ed Frye, Creek District representative, made a motion that would allow the meeting to reconvene under executive session.

Disagreeing, Frank Kamp, McIntosh District, said since council members are elected officials Creek people deserve to know what is going on. Kamp said Creek citizens would not find out what was going on through *The Muskogee Nation News*.

Helen Chupco, Muskogee District representative, agreeing with Frye, said her constituents didn't want to read about the tribe's problems in the paper.

Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh District representative, said his people feel the opposite and want to keep abreast of issues regarding Creek Nation.

"I say if we're not going to tell our people just forget it and let it go," he said.

Springwater said later the only reason the meeting was called was because the BIA "felt like there was some communications problem we could gap."

Springwater said Youngdeer had not met with the Council during his first months as area superintendent.

"We didn't have a plan of action other than to

try to communicate (BIA concerns). A lot of what we heard (about Creek Nation's internal conflicts) were tribal issues," Springwater said.

Despite the initial reluctance, the issues regarding tribal attorney contracts were discussed during the Muskogee meeting.

Much of the discussion involved the contract for tribal attorney Greg Bigler.

Childers contended that Bigler and Principal Chief Claude A. Cox altered a contract to raise the tribal attorney salary by nearly \$12,000.

Cox later denied he altered the contract, claiming the Council-approved contract was not attached to the tribal attorney ordinance. Cox said he had submitted a contract for Council approval that contained the higher amount.

Childers disagreed, saying the modified contract was attached with the ordinance.

Bigler has since submitted his resignation as tribal attorney, but the administration has not announced when it will become effective.

Discussion in Muskogee also included the Council's contract with attorney Greg Stidham. A clause in the contract states that the contract's agreement date "shall be extended

without further BIA approval upon the approval by the National Council ..."

Until this section of the contract is brought into compliance with the BIA it will not be approved and is invalid, Youngdeer said.

Under Department of the Interior and BIA specifications, contracts have to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior before it becomes valid, Youngdeer said.

That requirement apparently was satisfied when the Council, at its June 30 regular session, passed a resolution to authorize Childers to negotiate a contract with Stidham that reflects the change.

Youngdeer told officials in Muskogee he was not challenging the right of the National Council or Executive Branch to draw contracts. However, he reiterated the BIA's policy on having final approval over the tribe's contracts.

"I don't want to point the finger at anyone, but as far as BIA we find ourselves in a predicament over attorney contracts," Youngdeer told the leaders.

Youngdeer said the National Council has final authority for approving tribal contracts.

The Okmulgee meeting was held in executive session. In a letter announcing that meeting, the agenda listed discussion of attorney contracts, the agribusiness, court decisions, the status of Thlophthlocco, Kialige and Alabama tribal towns and the law enforcement program.

Only attorney contracts were discussed, Childers said. BIA officials would not address specifics of the second meeting.

Springwater said the decision to meet again will be left to Gibson.

"It is our concern that (both sides) get along."

Jerry Wilson, Tulsa District representative, said it is only natural for the two branches to have conflicts. He said he feels the BIA need not act as a buffer between the two branches, but instead help enforce the council's role as stated in the tribe's constitution.

"What we need from the bureau is technical assistance and recognition of the national council," he said. "If we do that the system will be in place."

(Stephanie Berryhill, MNN Community Affairs writer, contributed to this story).

Council

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establishes the tribe's position on suits involving sovereign immunity. The amendment would allow suits against the tribe if the plaintiff is an enrolled citizen, or a Creek Nation resident or does business with the tribe. Immunity is waived only if the actions sought are injunctive, declaratory or equitable relief.

-- approved a bill allowing the Speaker and the Chief Justice to be the final authority for processing expense vouchers for their respective branches of government. Presently, all expense vouchers are channelled to the executive director's office for approval and then to the director of finance before any payment is remitted.

-- approved a bill that restricts the use of the tribe's judgement funds allowing only the interest to be used for tribal government operations. Kamp, the bill's author, said the spending has become excessive and judgement funds have gone from \$18 million to \$11 million. "We need a little more fiscal responsibility," Kamp said. "Or we'll be broke in five or six years."

Hale, who opposed the bill, said he could not find evidence where the principal amount of the judgement funds had been spent.

-- approved a resolution authorizing the Speaker to negotiate a contract with attorney Greg Stidham, a former tribal Supreme Court Justice. The resolution was made to satisfy a BIA requirement to change language in the agreement to reflect the need for BIA approval on contracts.

-- appropriated \$9,585 to the Glenpool Indian Community for start up costs for community programs. The community had asked for \$17,000 but the amount was changed because the appropriation is during the last quarter of the fiscal year. The money is to be used for equipment, direct assistance to community members, community activities and other expenses.

Muskogee district representative Helen Chupco, who abstained from voting, said the Council has never given money to communities for office supplies or travel expenses before.

Tulsa district representative Donna Rhodes said "We ought to shut down the (Tulsa) bingo hall and then we won't have to appropriate money" to other communities.

Glenpool community officer Jim Wilde informed the Council that the community had received funds from other sources, including a \$10,000 grant from St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, for a health fair hosted by the community.

-- returned to committee a bill establishing an agribusiness board. Frye, referring to the tribal Supreme Court decision said there have been changes in the status of the business and that the bill will need to reflect such. The bill also lacked a funding mechanism.

-- returned to committee a bill modifying the Fiscal Year 1990 budget for the communications department. In February, the Council approved the transfer of the communications and environmental services funding from the indirect cost pool to bingo revenues. ESA was not included in the modification bill.

Rhodes objecting to the amount of the bill said "we can call everybody (tribal citizens) and read them the news" for less money. Rhodes added that production of *The Muskogee Nation News* was costing \$36 per citizen per year to produce. The MNN is distributed free to tribal citizens with proof of enrollment.

Bible said the bill needed to reflect changes in personnel within the department.

AgriBusiness

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other tribal program has been as controversial as the Creek Nation agribusiness.

Begun in the late 1970s -- with some of the funds from a \$2.4 million grant from the Economic Development Administration Local Public Works -- the agribusiness was the tribe's first economic development project.

Originally, the agribusiness was a part of the tribe's 25-year plan. According to that plan, the agribusiness was to be a "closed loop agricultural production system" where all phases of the cattle business -- from growing and milling feed to the slaughter, processing and sale of beef to tribal citizens at tribal stores -- would be controlled by the Creek Nation.

Eventually the goal was for the agribusiness to employ 300 people and gross revenues of \$2 million for the tribe. That goal was never realized.

The agricultural economy in Oklahoma struggled in the early 1980s forcing thousands of farmers to declare bankruptcy. Surplus milk products caused the federal government to institute a whole herd buyout program to stabilize the dairy industry.

Though the tribe's farm or dairy herd was never liquidated during these years, the revenue that was supposed to enable fulfillment of the 25-year plan, never materialized.

Consequently, the rail lines and air strip for transportation that were to be built for shipping the products weren't constructed leaving the business too isolated for such extensive production.

"That broke down during the early phases with the meat processing, canning and food distribution," Breshears said. "We never realized enough revenue to expand the operation. Those things are no one's fault. No one could have projected what was happening (in the ag-industry)."

Presently, the dairy business is seeing good times in Oklahoma. Milk production per cow, including the tribe's herd, is up.

Gene Neill, of the American Milk Producers Inc. in Oklahoma City, said milk production is up 1 percent in Oklahoma. Nationwide about 150 million pounds of dairy products are produced, Neill said.

But Neill adds that the AMPI is seeking for production controls to avoid surpluses that were seen in the early 80s.

"Right now, milk prices look good at \$15 per hundred weight," Neill said. "But if you look at dairy herd budgets, you've got to consider expenses like utilities and supplies on the farm that all come out of that."

"Of course, the cash flow (for dairies) is desirable with two checks a month to dairymen."

Hailed as the first step toward economic self-determination, today the agribusiness is the essence of a struggle between old and new, tradition and transition and power.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, the administration, the Council and the tribal Supreme Court all have made decisions in recent months regarding the agribusiness.

Still, no one is certain of the agribusiness status.

Money from the sale of milk is being deposited into an account at the People's State Bank in Checotah.

The Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the Chief must comply NCA 89-71, a bill that requires all funds related to the agribusiness be placed in the Checotah account.



An old sign in front of the 'new' barn at Hanna tells visitors in English and Creek that the land is Creek Nation tribal property. (Middle): Construction of a pole barn at the Creek Nation farm near Hanna wasn't complete until members of the Indian Action Program sign their work. The IAP was a job training program that no longer exists. (Bottom right): Some Creek Nation steers feed on a hay bale down on the farm outside Hanna. In addition to beef cattle, the Creek Nation has a dairy herd located near Dustin.

The BIA has said milk monies can be deposited in the account but not any of the federal funds from them can be placed in the account. The Principal Chief says NCA 89-71 is not an ordinance and sticks by his executive order that makes Tribal Affairs director Buddy York the manager of the business.

Thomas McIntosh, manager of the business for more than two years, and according to Creek district representative Clarence Cloud, the man who built the farm up from mud, no longer has anything to do with the operation.

His son Stacy, now finds himself directly involved in the controversy.

As the acting supervisor of the operation, Stacy declines comment and continues to work the farm keeping the cattle fed on hot summer days.



Notices

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Help wanted

Head women's tennis coach

Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo., is taking applications for a head women's tennis coach, a part-time, nine-month position.

Starting date: Aug. 27, 1990.

Salary: Negotiable.

Duties: Responsible for the organization, management and coaching of a major university tennis team including recruitment of qualified and highly-skilled student athletes; perform team-related administrative duties such as budget, travel arrangements, scheduling, ordering of supplies, uniforms; have a thorough knowledge of university, departmental, Gateway Athletic Conference and NCAA rules and regulations and conduct the program within these regulations; monitor academic progress of team members; perform public relation functions, including promotion and fund raising; and assist with department needs as requested.

Application deadline: July 27.

Candidates should send application letter, resume and names of three references to: Dr. Mary Jo Wynn, Director of Women's Athletics, Southwest Missouri State University, 901 S. National, Box 59, Springfield, Mo., 65804.

Assistant director Indian Education

The University of Wyoming in Laramie is accepting applications for Assistant Director, Division of Student Educational Opportunity/Director, Indian Education Office. The position serves as the individual who directs the administrative, personnel and budgetary functions of the Indian Education Office, which provides direct services to more than 130 American Indian students on the UW campus. IEO is housed within the Division of Student Educational Opportunity which is comprised of 14 projects serving disadvantaged populations.

Qualifications: MA/MS in an academic discipline and/or counseling, psychology or a related field or equivalent. Four years of experience including administration, supervision and counseling (two of which must be with the American Indian Community and American Indian education programs). Substantial knowledge of the American Indian reservation community.

Preferred qualifications: Credentials for academic affiliation, proven grant-writing ability and administrative experience.

Starting date: August 1990; Sept. 1, 1990, at the latest.

Salary: Salary will be competitive.

Closing date: July 25, 1990.

To apply: Send letter of applications, resume and three letters of reference to UW Personnel Office, Box 3422, Laramie, WY 82071. Contact Dr. Dolores Cardona, SEO, Box 3808, Laramie, WY, 82071 or call 307-766-6189.

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Anyone staying or visiting here who had no other home.

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DO NOT INCLUDE

Any college student who lives somewhere else while attending college.

Any person away from here in the Armed Forces or in an institution such as a nursing home, mental hospital, or prison.

Any person who usually stays somewhere else most of the week while working there.

Any person visiting here who has a usual home elsewhere.

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Ray Barnett in the Okmulgee Creek Nation Bingo's Powwow/Party Pinto, the winning entry in the Creek Festival '90 parade's Indian Car contest.

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Tribe, IHS may battle in court

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- Muscogee (Creek) Nation administrators say they will seek relief in federal district court from Indian Health Service claims of misuse of funds.

In a July 23 memorandum to National Council

speaker Ken Childers, Principal Chief Claude Cox said it is in the best interest of the tribe to take an aggressive stance and move the matter into U.S. District Court.

The latest action in the 16-month dispute is a response to the final written decision issued July 3 by IHS contracting officer Steven Fast Wolf.

Fast Wolf contends the tribe owes IHS \$1.5 million.

Cox said audits made by accounting firms Coopers and Lybrand and Leonard Birnbaum and Associates prove the administration used the funds to provide health care to Indians.

Fast Wolf said he is rejecting the administration's claims and the audits because no work papers or other supporting documentation were

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Photo by Elliot Barnett

Telles Nelson, a camper at the Northeast District's Summer Youth Camp in Preston, concentrates on a watercolor drawing. Nelson represented his church, Wares Chapel of Anadarko. The camp featured a week of Bible studies, worship, fun, swimming and Indian crafts.

IRS closes Thlopthlocco bingo facility

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

THLOPTHLOCCO -- The Internal Revenue Service has closed the Thlopthlocco bingo hall because past management failed to pay federal payroll taxes, a Bureau of Indian Affairs official said.

Barbara Kelly, former town micco, and present bingo hall manager Grace Bunner met with Jimmy Gibson, Okmulgee agency Bureau of Indian Affairs superintendent, Aug. 3 to discuss options.

Gibson confirmed that gaming activity has ceased.

No figure for what Thlopthlocco owes has been released. IRS officials in Tulsa and Oklahoma City will not comment on a pending case.

Attempts to reach Kelly or Bunner were unsuccessful.

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Beaver going out as coach, coming in as chief candidate

By EDDIE CHUCULATE
MNN Contributing Writer

JENKS -- As Perry Beaver prepares to close the chapter on one part of his life, his sights are set on opening another.

Beaver, beginning his 25th season as football coach at Jenks High School, on July 31 announced his retirement from coaching and teaching. The 1990-91 school year will be his last.

"I've told the rest of the (football) coaching staff and I'll notify the players in a team meeting next week," Beaver said July 31. "...I've been here 25 years and that's enough."

Meanwhile, Beaver, 51, also announced his intentions to file for office of Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in next year's election. Beaver is currently Second Chief of the tribe,

having held that office since defeating Bill Fife 1,726-1,680 in a June 29, 1985, special election. He defeated Earl Wheeler 1,450-1,242 in a Dec. 5, 1987, runoff election.

On July 27 in Norman, Beaver was given a plaque from the Oklahoma Football Coaches Association in recognition of obtaining 100 career wins as a head coach. The presentation was made at halftime of the Oklahoma Coaches Association All-State football game.

"It (100 victories) means a lot to the (JHS coaching) staff," Beaver, 15/16ths Creek, said. "It's a team game."

Beaver's staff includes 16th-year assistant Bob Pierce. Pierce, who is Choctaw, is defensive coordinator. Other staff members are Kevin

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Perry Beaver plans to step down as head football coach at Jenks High School to pursue his candidacy as Principal Chief of the Creek Nation.

Self-governance: A euphemism for federalism



**JIM
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MUSCOGEE NATION
NEWS EDITOR

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation was one of 70 tribes to receive an application for participation in the self-governance demonstration project.

Creek Nation did not respond.

The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma did respond and now has control of \$6.1 million in funding.

One of six tribes approved for the program, the Cherokees can establish spending priorities for tribal programs without prior Bureau of Indian Affairs approval at the agency and area central office levels.

It's hoped here that Creek Nation stay away from this self-governance project. By participating, the thought here is that the Cherokees have sold out for \$6 million.

Self-governance is a euphemism for federalism. What the Cherokees have done is assume the federal government's trust responsibility.

In the 152 years that the federal government has had trust responsibility for Indians, the BIA has made more than its share of mistakes. While any Indian that has had to deal with the Bureau can relate tales of incompetence, mismanagement and corruption, tribes should not let these incidents alter that trust relationship.

The creation of Public Law 93-638 was hailed in some corners as a giant step toward self-determination. Cynics called it self-termination. The new federalism suggested by the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs last year stirs similar thoughts.

Even if those fears are never realized, PL 93-638 has meant less money for individual health, education and social welfare.

Rather than tribes dealing with one level of bureaucracy each tribe contracting under 638 has had to establish its own bureaucracy to administer the programs. This means less money reaches the people who need it most.

The Cherokees will become a \$6.1 million line item in a trillion-dollar federal budget. Though they are progressive and have a legacy of independence, they will find themselves alone in the vast federal government.

The BIA gives tribes access to Congress and the President through the Department of Interior. There may be only 1.5 million Indians in the nation but with the clout of a federal bureaucracy, tribes can get the ear of those who make the decisions.

Most significantly, by eliminating the BIA the Cherokees have allowed the federal government to abdicate its trust responsibilities.

Perhaps the Cherokees will be successful and none of these fears realized. Maybe they can do a better job of servicing their people without the BIA. Regardless, let us not sell out for \$6.1 million.

Letters to the editor

Speaker points out balance, error in MNN, defends his staff

First, I wish to commend you on your recent *Muscogee Nation News*. The publication was very informative and well balanced with comments from both the Executive Branch and Legislative Branch.

There was an error on the Legislative Overview page. The original bill, NCA 90-36, passed and was vetoed by the Principal Chief. The motion the National Council voted on was to override the veto. Our records show 16 yes and 9 no votes. However, to override a veto, 20 yes votes are required.

Also pertaining to the article on the tribal attorney resigning, our records show Mr. (Greg) Bigler stated in a public session with the National Council, he told the Principal Chief he could not work for \$36,437. The amount on the contract was changed. Mr. Bigler stated the Principal Chief was knowledgeable of this change.

The National Council staff works hard, sometimes under stressful conditions, trying to please 29 Council members. I resent the staff being criticized for errors made by other people.

Keep up the good work with the *Muscogee Nation News*.

-Kenneth Childers, National Council Speaker

EDITOR'S NOTE: The vote tally was incorrect in the July issue and should have read 16 yes and 9 no. The vote tally was listed correctly and reflects the 16-9 total.

Tribe's industrial development projects inspire OKC reader

For many years I have observed the steady economic improvement in your Creek tribal industrial development. Having never met the top echelon of your tribal government, I can truthfully say that I have nothing to lose or gain from this, my initial written admiration for their efficient leadership.

Recently I attended functions sponsored by the Okemah Indian Community in what had previously been an empty building. My partner and I didn't win the domino tournaments but the new administration headed by OIC President Luther Johnson, kept things interesting, friendly and

orderly. Twice, we've returned to Okemah to observe his youth basketball program in action. Luther and his fellow officials are to be commended.

The local smokeshop was described as "a good example of an efficiently run Indian business." I concur. Manager Margaret Mauldin and the other conscientious and courteous smoke-shop employees are a winning combination and are supported by the Okemah Indian Community organization.

My wise Creek friend commented, "if we ever fail here, it will be caused by a jealous faction within our organization, not from a lack of hard work."

Personally, I know that Principal Chief Claude Cox is much respected by both state and federal officials, in all the right places. And I will personally lead the chant for him, "one more term, one more term!"

W.M. "Snoop" Knight, Oklahoma City

Former news executive likes format of Muscogee Nation News

Let me congratulate you on publishing such a professional publication in *The Muscogee Nation News*.

As a news executive for 10 years (*The Memphis Commercial Appeal*) and a publications specialist for 30 years, I found *The Muscogee Nation News* well-written, designed and edited.

The breadth of the coverage, particularly the intricate balance between general news and features, indicates you have a high-calibre professional staff.

Keep up the good work!

Roy Jennings, Germantown, Tenn.

Clarification

Donna Rhodes, Tulsa district representative, said a quote attributed to her was used out of context in the July edition of *The Muscogee Nation News*.

Concerning expenditures for community centers, Rhodes said "we ought to shut down the (Tulsa) bingo hall and then we won't have to appropriate money."

Rhodes said her comment was made to illustrate the point that the Tulsa district is not benefitting from revenue derived from Creek Nation Tulsa Bingo.

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Reviving the importance of women



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Chaudhuri.

Chaudhuri shared her thoughts on the role of women in Muscogee society during the Summit on Indigenous Strategies and Youth and Elders Conference in Okemah.

Chaudhuri and her sister, Richinda Sands, are president and vice-president of Indian Women in Progress, a network in Tempe, Ariz. Indian Women in Progress strives to promote Indian people through workshops, lectures, newsletters, cross-cultural counseling and support groups.

At the summit, Chaudhuri said Muscogee women lived by the four seasons of a woman's life. These seasons were a time of learning, growing, educating and advising.

-- The first stage was spring; the age of learning. When a girl was born the women on her mother's side usually, but not always, choose her name. The women as well as the mother's brother was the teacher of the children.

From the ages of 1 to 10, children were observed to determine what their occupational role would be within the tribe. If the child was talkative he/she would be an orator. The child who showed interest in plant learning would be a medicine person. And if the child was interested in the future that boy or girl would be a prophet.

Once a girl began menstruating she was secluded from her family and given gifts to prepare her for womanhood, Chaudhuri said.

-- The Creeks isolated their women when they were on their special period and when a girl became a woman a grandmother or aunt would give her gifts such as a spoon, fork, cup, plates, a chair, bed and a special house."

The girl was secluded in a small house behind her family's home when she was on her menstrual cycle, Chaudhuri said.

-- "When they kept her behind the house they (mother or grandmother) were teaching her."

In the spring season of teaching she was shown how to identify wild onions and medicine plants. She was taught how to cook and to sing medicine songs as well as baby lullabies. After the girl finished her cycle she was always taught to clean herself in the downstream of the creek.

-- "A woman is powerful; she is like a sponge (absorbing knowledge) when she is on her period," she said.

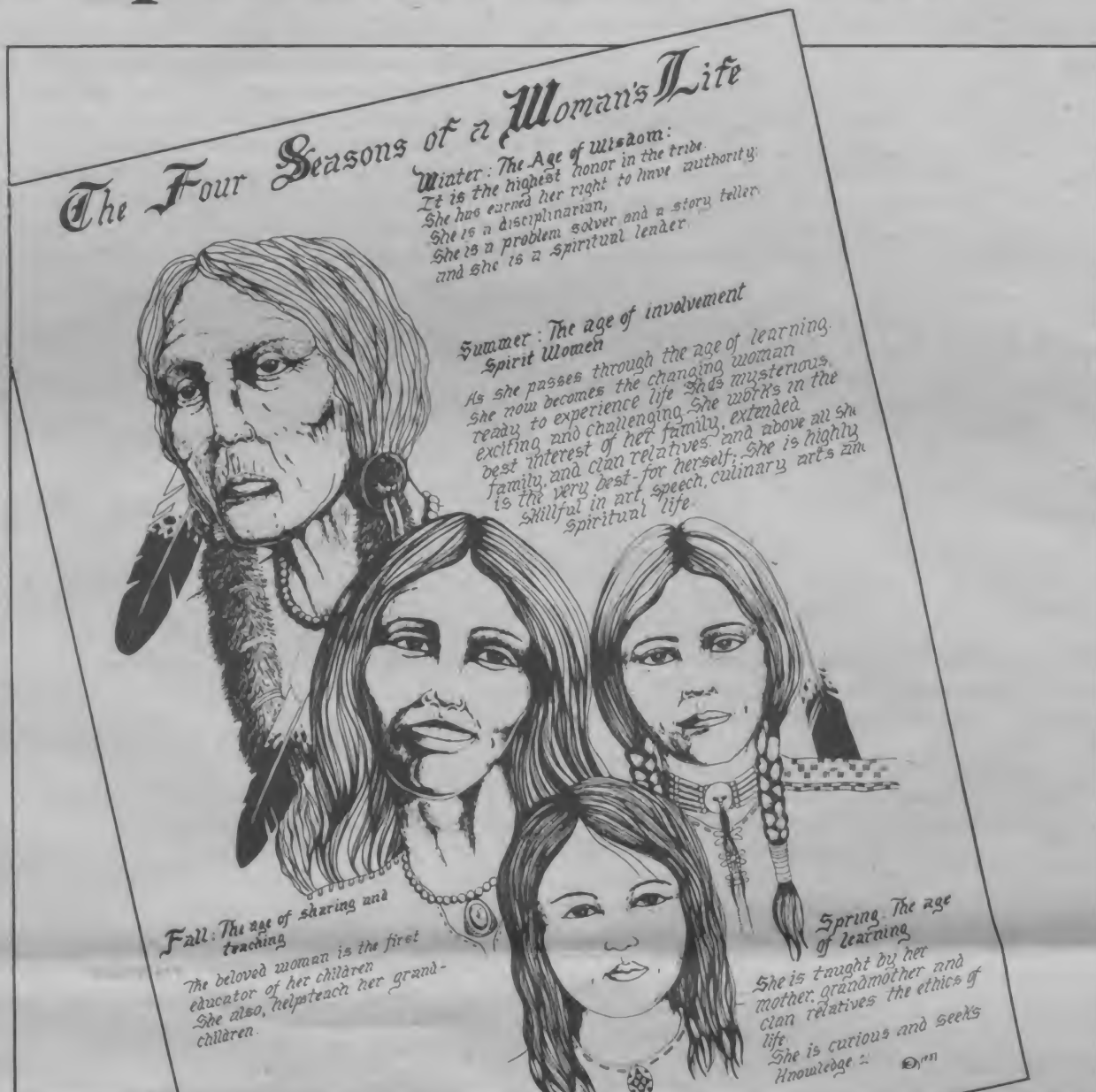
-- The second stage was summer, the age of involvement, spirit women. As the young woman passed through the age of learning she advanced onto summer. She began changing and experiencing new challenges in her adult life.

-- "She's mysterious, exciting and challenging. She works in the best interest of her family, extended family and clan relatives. And above all

As the 21st century nears, it's obvious how the (Muscogee) Creek people have prospered.

But we also have paid penance for the few materialistic things we have achieved. Our ancestors' teachings of the woman's role in Muscogee society almost had been lost.

But as the ancients strongly believed in the importance of women, so does full-blood Muscogee (Creek) Jean Hill



she is the very best -- for herself; she is highly skillful in art, speech, culinary arts and spiritual life."

-- Fall was the age of sharing and teaching. Chaudhuri said during this time the beloved woman is the first educator of her children and grandchildren. She teaches her young the moral and legal obligations of family life. The beloved woman also informs her children of such cultural information as what clan and tribal town they belong to.

-- Winter; the age of wisdom is the last and most highly respected stage in a woman's life.

-- "It is the highest honor in the tribe. She has earned her right to have authority; she is a disciplinarian, she is a problem solver and a story teller, and she is a spiritual leader."

Chaudhuri said the teachings of the four seasons were almost lost until she began researching the subject in 1970.

-- "Since the Anglo world was (male-)dominated, society disregarded all this and didn't think it was valuable," she said.

She compared her research with fitting the missing pieces of a puzzle together. Chaudhuri, whose tribal town is Hickory Ground, used bits and parts from her own upbringing to fill in the missing pieces. She obtained information from going to different ceremonial grounds as well. She also gained valuable instructions from 105-year-old Seminole twins on a reservation in southern Florida.

Indian Women in Progress also has sponsored a play of the teachings of the four seasons of a woman's life.

Group to present play

In observance of the 500th Columbus Day in 1992, Indian Women in Progress and the Arizona chapter of the North American Women's Association, Inc. will sponsor the play "Indians Discover Christopher Columbus."

The play features an all Native American cast from Muscogee, Seminole, and Alabama to Navajo, Sioux, and Apache, as well as Eastern Indians.

Jean Hill Chaudhuri, president of Indian Women in Progress, said the play will consist of traditional and contemporary songs, dances and legends that will tell the history, comedy and culture of Native Americans.

The play, which will tour nationwide, also will address environmental, cultural and treaty issues.

Chaudhuri said that there is an old Creek saying that warns when the stories and ceremonial fires die, the Creeks die as a people.

-- "The spiritual gifts from God, the Creator, are the mother earth, fire, wind and water. A person who knows two languages and two ways of life and keeps their spiritual life aglowing is worth two people."

-- "Don't forget the importance of your language and the stompgrounds because God gave us this gift and to forget it is like slapping God in the face."

Tribe faces 1991 budget shortfall

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The National Council's Business and Governmental Services Committee has returned the Fiscal Year 1991 comprehensive budget to the executive branch and asked for all department heads to make reductions.

According to a July 11 draft, total funds avail-

able are projected to be \$13,042,304. Budget requests for fiscal year 1991 are \$15,379,447.

Of the projected revenues, only the bingo and tobacco tax revenue requests will be cut. The rest of the revenue comes from several sources, including federal grants and contracts for programs and services.

Creek district representative Ed Frye, committee chairman, notified Principal Chief Claude Cox

by letter that the 35.5 percent increase in expenditures is excessive.

The committee has asked for a spending limit of \$11,349,134, the 1990 level. There will be no spending increase in any of the budget components, including salaries. According to the document, requests for bingo revenues total more than

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Override attempt of judgement fund interest use fails

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Muskogee (Creek) National Council failed to override a bill limiting the use of judgement fund interest for tribal government operations.

The bill was one of three considered by the Council at its regular session July 28.

The bill restricted the use of judgement funds and would have allowed the interest from the funds to be spent on government operations only.

McIntosh district representative Frank Kamp, the bill's author, said the intent of the bill was to prevent the tribe

from bankruptcy.

The override attempt failed by eight votes, meaning Creek Nation will continue to use judgement fund interest for tribal operations.

In his veto message, Principal Chief Claude Cox objected to the restrictions of the bill contending that tribal service programs would be denied funding. Cox said only U.S. Congress can approve spending of the judgement funds awarded to the tribe as a settlement for lands taken by the federal government in 1838.

The Council also failed to override a veto of a bill that would have changed the procedure for processing vouchers.

Presently, all expense vouchers for the three branches of government are sent to Executive Director Gary Breshears for approval before being processed in the finance department.

The bill would have allowed vouchers for the legislative and judicial branches to go directly to the Office of Finance rather than the Executive Director.

Kamp, author of the bill, said the administration did not process his expense and mileage vouchers in a timely fashion. Kamp alleged Breshears was harassing him.

In the veto message, Cox said the bill would cause accounting problems and that current procedures were essential for internal control. He attached a copy of Kamp's mileage vouchers for March and said Kamp had some discrepancies with the odometer readings and that mileage was out of chronological order.

Cox also attached documentation that showed tribal court clerk Lane Morgan had spent money



Photo by Elliot Barnett

Workers trim siding on a sawhorse outside of the Okmulgee Indian Community Center. The center is being remodeled.

In Brief

Creek seeks state office

EUFULA -- Creek citizen Perry Anderson Jr. is a Democratic primary candidate for Oklahoma State Senate District 8.

Anderson, a retired educator, is a job counselor with the Job Training Partnership Act program of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation.

He is campaigning on a platform of economic development through tax and education reform.

"I have always been able to work with people and I care about the things that are important to them," Anderson said. "The people deserve true representation from their senator."

Anderson, 57, is a member of the American Association of Retired Persons, a veteran, and has been the tourism and recreation director for the city of Eufaula and Fountainhead State Park.

"I know tourism and recreation is vital to the district 8 economy," Anderson said. "My experience will definitely benefit the people when I'm representing them in Oklahoma City."



State senate district 8 includes all of Okmulgee and McIntosh counties and parts of Haskell, Muskogee and Sequoyah counties.

Anderson's opponents in the Aug. 28 primary election are incumbent Frank Shurden, Henryetta; Dale Fish, Checotah; and Carlisle Mabrey, Okmulgee.

Anderson and his wife, Ina, live in Eufaula.

Bristow attorney seeks post

BRISTOW -- Attorney Steve Foster is seeking the District 29 seat to the Oklahoma State House of Representatives.

District 29 includes most of Creek County west of Sapulpa and Kellyville.

Foster identified economic development, education and health care as areas that need the most legislative attention.

A former Creek County assistant district attorney, Foster now has a general practice in Bristow that deals with property, oil and gas, probate, estate planning, domestic and family relations, corporate and some criminal law.

He is a member of the Oklahoma Indian Bar Association and past president of the Muskogee (Creek) Bar Association.

"We must work to bring new jobs to Creek County and to continue to work for better education. We must keep our rural hospitals and rural health care system intact."

Foster's opponents in the Aug. 28 Democratic primary are R.C. Lester, rural Bristow; Tommy Lee, Drumright; and David Thompson, rural Bristow.

Foster and his wife Sally, reside in Bristow.

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Okfuskee's new community center will serve the community's 25 active members.

Okfuskee center nears completion

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKFUSKEE -- One of the oldest Muscogee (Creek) Nation chartered communities will soon occupy its new community center.

Active since 1976 and chartered in 1979, the Okfuskee Indian Community never has had a permanent meeting place.

With the passage of NCA 90-04, a 1,200-square-foot multi-purpose facility was erected 3.5 miles south of the Mason schools.

A total of \$20,000 was appropriated from the capital acquisition docket of the comprehensive budget to construct the facility.

Other than interior detail work, the commu-

Officers

Joe Hicks, chairman
Simmer Hicks, vice chairman
Annie Hicks, treasurer
Mary Walters, secretary

nity has no water and is waiting on Indian Health Service to lay water lines to the septic system before moving in, Mary Walters, community secretary, said.

"We're excited about (the facility)," Walters said. "We've never had a meeting place."

Walters said the community has about 25 active members. Community meetings are held the second Sunday of each month.

Hanna's center getting fixup

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

HANNA -- Hanna Indian Community's problems with its newly-built center may be over soon with the completion of its water system, officials say.

Community leaders complained to tribal officials that the center was built inadequately and improperly accepted from contractors.

Wilbur Gouge, Hanna community president, sent a letter to Ken Childers, National Council Speaker, requesting Childers subpoena Buddy York, tribal affairs director, to address problems at the center.

Many of the problems at the McIntosh District center are being met, officials said. Among them: the center's water and waste management system, consisting mainly of a well and lagoon built by Indian Health Service.

Excessive rain and the property's clay and sand

composition has given IHS workers problems keeping ground water out of the lagoon, said Ken Olson, IHS project engineer.

Olson said he will make a report and consult with the district engineer to discuss IHS's options in effectively constructing the lagoon. He said he didn't know when the water and waste management system will be complete.

Gouge said the stove had been turned on and, except for the buckling wall paneling, all of the center's minor discrepancies have been repaired by the building contractor, Five Star Roofing Co.

"I'm sure he'll do good on his part," Gouge said, referring to Gary Clay, Five Star Roofing Co. owner.

York said Clay has not yet been paid the remaining \$8,000 that the tribe owes him.

The paperwork has been processed and sent to Clay. Tribal Affairs are now waiting for his signature in order to draw up the checks. Of the final \$8,000 payout, \$3,200 will be withheld in late penalty fees, York said.

Health board report: We're in the black

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

EUFAULA -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation health care system is expected to finish the year "in the black," according to a report made at the regular meeting of the Hospital and Clinics.

Financial officer Elvania Swayze said at the board's July 30 meeting cash flow is much better than (this time) last year and chances are "excellent we will not have to borrow money."

She reported the health care system is operating with a \$141,137 deficit through June 30 compared to a \$348,942 deficit for the same period in 1989.

Board chairperson Shelly Crow said the figures represent obligated monies for the remainder of the fiscal year and that monies from Indian Health Service and third party payments will make up the difference.

The board also discussed legal action clarifying the health board's position in regard to Hill Burton loan obligations.

Muscogee (Creek) National Council representative Ed Frye, said the Okfuskee County Commissioners and Health Authority have refused to accept an obligation to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for Hill Burton funds.

The Creek Nation Community Hospital is located in Okemah, Okfuskee County.

The Hill Burton Foundation, a capital improvements program directed by the Department of Health and Human Services, made a \$300,000 loan to the Okfuskee County Health Authority before the Creek Nation began operating the Okemah hospital. One provision for the funds requires the hospital to provide free medical services to declared indigent patients.

Frye said there is no indication that the county ever met the Hill Burton requirement and the amount now owed is \$654,000. The Creek Nation, under the Hospital and Clinics Board, now operates the hospital.

Frye said there is nothing in the lease agreement between the county and the tribe that requires the Creek Nation to meet that obligation.

"We don't assume the financial obligations just because we have the hospital," said Frye, who has met twice with Okfuskee County Commissioners to discuss Hill Burton obligations.

"(Hospital administrator) Sally Foster has notified Hill Burton that we're not responsible for that obligation," Frye said. "As far as I can see, we don't have any problems."

Fred Randall, a program consultant for recoveries with the Health Care Finance Administration, confirmed he has contacted the Creek Nation about the obligation though he gave no due date for collection.

Randall said the obligation can be transferred from entity to another eligible entity. The Creek Nation meets those requirements.

There is no record of the obligation being transferred from the Okfuskee County authorities to the Creek Nation in the Dallas office, Randall

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Dewar might discontinue its food program

DEWAR -- The Dewar Indian Community elderly nutrition program probably will be discontinued, said George Hicks, community chairman.

Hicks said the community's cook and the lack of senior citizens eating at the center are reasons for the probable discontinuation.

The issue will be decided at the center's August meeting.

Those who eat at the center would be provided a ride to Okmulgee if the officers decide to shut down the program, Hicks said. Meal delivery arrangements would be for those who receive their food at home, he said.

The community members are still discussing the probability of opening a smoke shop. Hicks mentioned that the smokeshop's occupation of the kitchen area would save the community the expense of having to build on to the center.

Coweta celebrates with hog fry

COWETA -- Fifty-nine celebrated the Fourth of July at the Coweta Indian Community's hog fry.

The meat, that was cooked in two black pots underneath an arbor, was fried and prepared in traditional Creek dishes.

The hog fry, which also was potluck, attracted more than the immediate community members.

"It was supposed to have been for the community, but all sorts showed up. But most were Indian, which was really good, because it was for Indians," Martha Squire, community chairperson, said.

Squire said the community has not been busy this month because of the hot weather and the absence of members on

vacation. Senior citizens quilt at the center almost everyday, she said.

The community's youth have started playing volleyball games every Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. At this point the games are only recreational, but Squire said tournaments may begin soon.

Glenpool awaits move-in to center

GLENPOOL -- Glenpool Indian Community sergeant of arms Jim Wilde said his group is excited about steps taken to move them closer to obtaining their new community center.

The group can move into the facility when underground storage tanks are removed.

In other news:

-- The community appointed Houston Shirley as its new secretary after the resignation of Chiquita Smith.

-- Board members soon will be selling raffle tickets for a shawl at \$.50 each or three for \$1. They will raffle the shawl during their regular monthly meeting.

Kellyville to begin recycling boxes

KELLYVILLE -- The Global Walk for a Livable World's visit to the Kellyville Indian Community Center reinforced some of the walkers' environmental concerns into Shirley Brown, community chairperson.

Previous smokeshop managers always have burnt the numerous cigarette boxes that pass through the smokeshop. But Brown, realizing how important trees are to human survival, has begun



Coweta Indian Community member Lee Childers waits as Wilma Berryhill, Eliweeta Tiger and Nora Doyle busily prepare the main course at the community center's July 4 hog fry.

recycling them.

"The global walk has kind of woke me up; I thought 'Man, this is a lot of trees,'" she said explaining how the community saves the boxes and has the vice-chairperson sell them to a recycling plant.

-- The community holds a fleamarket and food sale of Indian tacos, fried bread and dried corn and beef from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month.

Okemah to host flea markets

OKEMAH -- The Okemah Indian Community will hold the first of its bi-monthly flea markets Aug. 4-5.

The flea markets will last from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will have a selection of foods from Indian tacos, and burritos to cakes and pies.

Community president Luther Johnson said the flea market has grown from an initial seven booths to 14.

Outdoor booths are free and booths inside the air conditioned center may be rented for \$2.50 per day. For further information Johnson said to call 918-623-2519.

In other news:

-- At 7 p.m., Aug. 11, the community will hold a bingo game. Cards will be sold for \$.50 each. Sacks of groceries will be given away as prizes. Okemah Indian Community bingo is held on the second Saturday of every month.

Eufaula sets co-ed softball event

EUFAULA -- A surprise birthday party for Eufaula Indian Community member Susie Scott, 92, was held at the Eufaula Senior Citizens Building.

Mrs. Scott, a full-blood Creek, was born July 18, 1898 near Eufaula. She is a member of the West Eufaula Indian Baptist Church where she served as secretary-treasurer and Sunday School teacher. The widow of the late Bennie B. Scott, Mrs. Scott's tribal town is Eufaula-Canadian and she is of the coon clan.

In other news:

-- Eufaula Indian Community will be host to its first annual open co-ed softball tournament Sept. 1-3. Entry deadline is Aug. 25.

Entry fee for the double-elimination tournament is \$65. Trophies will be given to first- through

third-place teams, individuals on first- and second-place teams and most valuable players for men and women. A sportsmanship trophy also will be given.

Each team must provide one blue dot game ball. Information: Call Jerry at 918-689-9570 or 918-689-3786.

Okmulgee fetes Youth Olympians

OKMULGEE -- Okmulgee Indian Community honored its Youth Olympic teams at a weiner roast at Kiddy Lake here. A large crowd turned out to see the children receive their awards and trophies for finishing second.

Wilson schedules tournaments

WILSON -- Wilson Indian Community will be hosting volleyball and horseshoe tournaments at 9 a.m. Aug. 18. The volleyball team entry fee is \$30. For more information call 918-652-2747.

Weleetka to auction house

WELEETKA -- The Weleetka Indian Community will auction a three-bedroom house 10 a.m., Aug. 4.

The house sits upon Weleetka Indian Community property.

Check or cash must be approved on the day of purchase; purchase terms include the removal of the house off the property.

A garage sale and bake sale will be held in conjunction with the auction.

Hanna to sponsor softball tourney

HANNA -- Hanna Indian Community will be host to a softball tournament Aug. 4.

Entry fee is \$65. Tacos will also be sold at the tournament, which begins at 8 a.m.

In other news:

-- The community recently sent six Indian high school students to basketball camp in Shawnee. The four boys attended Oklahoma Baptist University's Bison Basketball Camp and the two girls attended St. Gregory's College's basketball camp.

-- Community members Bernice Harjo and Dominick Proctor were married in the community center July 21.

-- The community still holds silversmith classes from 7 to 9 p.m. every Monday and Tuesday free of charge.

In Brief



Gabe Bible



Mac Dowdy



Ricky Hudson



Pat Kane

Creek youth help in title drive

GLENPOOL -- Four Creek youths helped the Glenpool Stingers baseball team win the OK Kids Association Midget (13- to 14-year-old) state tournament.

Gabe Bible, Mac Dowdy, Ricky Hudson and Pat Kane led their team to the state championship in Salina.

Glenpool defeated Wynnewood, 5-4, in the championship game.

Bible, 12, played outfield and pitched. His parents are Larry and Shelly Bible. His grandparents are JoAnn Bible and the late Andy Bible.

Dowdy, 13, pitched and played infield. His parents are Bill and Bernandine Dowdy. His grandparent is Dorothy (Bible) Dowdy.

Hudson, 12, pitched and played outfield. His parents are Vinton and Denise Walling and Richard Hudson. His grandparent is Dorothy (Bible) Dowdy.

Kane, 12, pitched, played infield and catcher. His parents are Charles and Terri Kane. His grandparents are Willie Joe and Lena Mosquito.

Creek baseballers go to playoffs

OKMULGEE -- Seven Creek youths helped lead the Lunsford Painting baseball team to the OK Kids Association Midget District Tournament in Stigler.

The team, coached by Creek citizen Curtis Lunsford, won 15 of 21 games. In districts, the team won one of three games.

Creek players included: Chuck LaSarge, Tony Hale Jr., Scott Harjo, Jeremy Lunsford, Tirrell Whitlow, Tommy Cummings III and Bubba Johnson.

Teen chosen as OCMA princess

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Stephanie Yazzie, 14, was selected 1990 Oklahoma City (Muscogee) Creek Association Princess. Yazzie also participated in the Creek Festival '90 parade and the Red Earth Festival parade in Oklahoma City.

Yazzie, who will be a freshman at Northwest Classen High School in Oklahoma City, has participated and recognized by several groups locally and nationally.

In 1982, she won the Native American

Center Tiny Tot Princess contest at the age of 8. She also was recognized as a honorary member of the U.S. Navy for her participating in obtaining more than 3,000 signatures to name a U.S. submarine, "Oklahoma," after the original that was destroyed at Pearl Harbor.

She also was the Oklahoma City Johnson-O'Malley princess for 1987-88. In 1989, she participated in the Flag Ceremony at the Oklahoma City State Fair and was named Honorary Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma. She is affiliated with Project RISE Indian Education and the Oklahoma City Choctaw Alliance.

Yazzie, a decedant of the Choctaw, Sioux and Potawatomi tribes, is the daughter of Bobbie Haney (Creek-Choctaw) of Oklahoma City and Terry Yazzie (Sioux-Potawatomi) of Iowa. Maternal grandparents are Aleckton Davis and Wanda (Proctor) Davis. Yazzie is the great-granddaughter of Freeman and Alice Simpson.

Creek finishes police training

TULSA -- John Dayne West, a Creek citizen from the Tulsa District, graduated from the Tulsa Police Academy.

West majored in Criminal Justice at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. He is a graduate of Owasso High School.

West joined the Tulsa Police Department March 11 and participated in four months of training before graduating June 29.

Drew Diamond, Chief of Police and Maj. Dave Been, training director, presented badges to the officers during ceremonies at the Tulsa Police Training Center.

West is the son of Carol Wilson West of Tulsa and Dayne and Connie West of Hot Springs, Ark. He is the grandson of Altha M. Ford of Tulsa.

Creek completes med program

GRAND FORKS, N.D. -- Shelly Harjo, Creek-Seminole, completed a University of North Dakota summer program for Indian students who are planning to apply to medical school. She attended an Indians Into Medicine course to help students strengthen math and science skills and prepare for the Medical College Admissions Test. Harjo, from Holdenville, Okla., is a sophomore at Haskell Junior College in Lawrence, Kan. Twenty college students from across the country attended UND's Minority Medical Education Program this summer.



Powwows

Eufaula adds stomp dancers to its powwow

EUFAULA -- The Eufaula Indian Community will be host to its fourth annual Labor Day Powwow Aug. 31-Sept. 3 at Eufaula's eastside ballpark.

This year, the powwow will feature a stomp dance, beginning at 7 p.m. Friday and continuing until midnight. Tony Mitchell of Dustin is in charge. Monetary gifts will be given to all leaders and shellshakers who participate.

The community will honor Marcy Skeeter, 1990 Miss Indian Tulsa, and Laura Sigwing, Miss Indian Oklahoma. Sigwing, an Otoe-Missouria-Iowa-Sac from Red Rock, will serve as head lady dancer.

Other dance leaders: Harrison Hunter, Sac and Fox from Perkins, head singer; George Alexander, Otoe-Creek from Ponca City, head man dancer; Stanley John, Navajo from Tahlequah, master of ceremonies; Lee and Walter Larney, Seminoles from Shawnee, arena directors; and Richard Two Hatchet, Kiowa from Longtown, head gourd dancer.

The Lake Eufaula Area Vietnam Era Veterans will serve as color guards, bringing in the flags during the parade-in. All chapters are invited to help the group.

Other events:

-- a double-elimination coed softball tournament, which will be played on two playing fields. Entry fee is \$65.

-- an archery contest, which will be held Sept. 2 at 2 p.m. The contest will feature both men and women divisions using the regular box. Trophies will be presented to first through third place. Entry fee is \$5.

-- a double-elimination domino tournament, which will be at the Eufaula Indian Community building, 800 Forest Ave. Trophies will be given to the first four places. Entry fee is \$5.

Food, arts and crafts, camping and swimming will be available. The public is invited and there will be no admission fee.

Information: Call 918-689-5066 or 918-689-9570.

Tulsa, Aug. 9-12

TULSA -- The 39th annual Tulsa Powwow, billed as North America's largest Indian celebration, kicks off Aug. 9 at Mohawk Park here.

The powwow, sponsored by the Tulsa Powwow Club, will run from Aug. 9-12. More than 90,000 participants and spectators are expected to attend, according to powwow organizers.

A ceremonial run opens activities Aug. 9 at 6:30 p.m. Gourd dancing begins at 7 p.m. and the grand entry for intertribal and contest dancing starts at 9.

Activities Aug. 10 include a golf scramble, beginning at 10 a.m., a rodeo at 8 p.m. and the princess crowning at 7.

Activities Aug. 11: the Tulsa Powwow 8-kilometer run at 7 a.m.; the All-Indian golf tournament at 9 a.m. and continued dancing at 7.

The golf tournament concludes Aug. 12. Gourd dancing begins at 2 p.m. and dancing contest finals are scheduled at 7.

Admission: Free for the powwow; \$3 for parking; \$4 (adults), \$2 (children 5-12) at the rodeo.

Reunions

William Robison family

OKEMAH -- Cindy Yahola of Broken Arrow was selected chairwoman at the 17th annual Robison Reunion held July 7 at the Thlopthlocco Tribal Complex. Yahola will serve for the next two years.

At the reunion, Jessie Robison and Betsey Proctor co-chaired the event with Ben Birdcreek of Lawrence, Kan., serving as emcee. Susie Foster, 93, of Okemah was given a gift for being the only surviving granddaughter of William Robison.

More than 70 attended the reunion.

Willie Sumka family

HENRYETTA -- A reunion of relatives and friends of the late Rev. Willie Sumka will be held Sept. 8 at the Sumka family residence. The residence is 5 miles south of Henryetta on Lake Road and two miles north of Ryal School. Festivities begin at 10 a.m. with games of all kinds. All attending are asked to bring a covered dish.

Marshall family

WETUMKA -- The third annual Marshall family reunion will be Sept. 3 at the Wetumka Indian Community Center, beginning at 11 a.m. All relatives of Lewis and Manny (Herrod) Marshall are invited. Activities include gospel singing, softball, volleyball and horse-shoe pitching. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish. A food sale to support the reunion will be Aug. 11. The sale begins at 11 a.m. and ends at dusk. Barbecue ribs, Indian tacos and hamburgers will be sold. Information: Call 405- 452-3909.

Chalakee family

BROKEN ARROW -- Friends and relatives of Fanny Berryhill Chalakee and the late Rev. John Chalakee will have a family reunion Sept. 2- 3, 11 a.m., at Springtown United Methodist Church. Activities: talent show, sack races, egg toss. Information: Call Josephine Deere at 918-486-5968. Public invited.

Births

Christopher Wilson

OKMULGEE -- Christopher Thomas Wilson of Okmulgee celebrated his first birthday July 29. Christopher, the son of Gerald D. Wilson and Evelyn M. Wilson, was born July 29 1989 and has one sister, Shannah McIntire of the home.

Grandparents: Chester and Arnetice Wilden of the Liberty-Mounds area and Gloria and Leonard Jenkins of Port Neches, Texas.



In Brief

OKEMAH -- Deadline for the Thlopthlocco Co-ed volleyball tournament will be Aug. 8. The tournament will be played Aug. 11 at the tribal town's complex. Entry fee: \$25. Awards: first- and second-place team trophies and T-shirts. Information: Call 918-623-0419 or (after 8 p.m.) Jim McGertt at 918-623-1255.

Creek ballet dancer pursues career by teaching others now

By VICTORIA KELLEY
MNN Contributing Writer

TULSA -- Nancy Scott plans to spread her dancing talents throughout Creek Nation and beyond.

Scott, the 1972 Creek Nation Princess, returned to Oklahoma not long ago after giving her career a try in Los Angeles. She performed in dance companies and danced in television commercials and movies.

But she gave up her shot at stardom early last year to settle in her hometown of Tulsa. She returned to give birth to her son, Nokuse.

"I felt it important to bring him up around Native Americans since there is very little Indian culture in Los Angeles," said Scott, who is half



Creek and half Cherokee.

In L.A., Scott was in the musical "Company" on the West Coast. She continued her training at the Stanley Holden Dance Center and the Dupree Dance Academy.

She acted and danced in various commercials, movies and television shows. She also has experience as a stage manager and costumer.

When she returned to Oklahoma, she didn't leave behind her dancing abilities. She recently agreed to be a teacher at the Okmulgee YMCA. She also guest teaches at the Tony Deel Dance Studio in McAlester and Tulsa and teaches jazz, ballet and tap at Reeds Recreation Center in Tulsa.

Recently, she danced with the Modern City Repertory Company and the Ballet Company of Terri Lewis Dance Ensemble. She also was the ballet mistress of the ballet company.

One of her goals is to set up her own studio, which would be called "Nancy's Dance Studio." She plans to open the studio in September and continue to teach in Okmulgee, Tulsa and McAlester.

She also wants to put together a scholarship for talented Indian students interested in pursuing dancing as a profession.

"I know how hard it can be for certain kids to try to get lessons for dancing, so I would like to set this up for those people who qualify and are really interested in dancing as a profession," she said.

Criminal code/traffic hearing to be Aug. 11

OKMULGEE -- A public hearing has been scheduled Aug. 11, 10 a.m., to discuss the Criminal and Traffic Code.

The National Council's Business and Governmental Services Committee will conduct the meeting

in the Mound Building Auditorium at the tribal capitol complex. Bureau of Indian Affairs officials have been invited.

All tribal citizens are invited to attend and voice opinions.



The Okmulgee Creek Community's entry in the Muscogee (Creek) Festival '90 Youth Olympics posed for a group photo following their performances. Athletes representing the community include (left to right, front row), Samantha Frye, Jessina Factor, LaTasha Monahwee, Patty Proctor, Jason Ramsey, Rachel Roanhorse, Rueben Factor, Solomon Morgan, Jeremy Monahwee and Frances Harjo; (second row) Shelecia Lunsford, Chrissy Brown, Toby Watashe, Crystal Compton, Justina Grayson, Adam Starr, Melissa Pigeon, Fallon Proctor and Darryl Tiger; (third row), Pam Checotah, Micah Wolfe, Willie Kaler, Charlie Frye, Dennis Mitchell, Jeremy Lunsford, Jamie Brown, Mark Hale and Austin Jones; (back row), Tammy Checotah, Eric Beatty, Kevin Starr and Jon Billy. Not pictured are Melinda McGee, Kimberly Reagan, Jared Bunner, Paul Blackbear and Farrel Blackbear.

How They Voted

At the July 28
National Council meeting

NCA 90-59

Reconsider veto message of NCA 90-59 (a bill changing the percentages of programs in the three-year plan to increase the funding of the higher education department; override carried, 21 yes, 6 no.

NCA 90-63

Reconsider veto message of NCA 90-63 (a bill suspending the use of judgement funds) override failed 12 yes, 12 no, 3 abstain.

NCA 90-64

Reconsider veto message of NCA 90-64 (a bill establishing procedures for processing expense vouchers of legislative and judicial branches (override failed, 13 yes, 14 no.

NCA 90-52

A bill modifying the Fiscal Year 1990 communications department budget. Passed 18 yes, 5 no, 2 abstain.

George Almerigi, Okmulgee	Yes	No	No	Yes
Richard Berryhill, Wagoner	Yes	No	No	Yes
Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee	Absent	Yes	Yes	Abstain
Larry Bible, Tulsa	Yes	Absent	Absent	Absent
Eugene Birdcreek, Okfuskee	Yes	No	No	Yes
Johnson Buck, Hughes	No	No	No	Yes
Robert Buck, Hughes	No	No	No	Yes
Mose Cahwee, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Ken Childers, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Did not vote
Helen Chupco, Muskogee	No	No	No	Yes
Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clarence Cloud, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Helen Duncan, Wagoner	No	No	No	Yes
Bill Fife, Okfuskee	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Ed Frye, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee	Yes	No	No	Yes
Tony Hale, Okmulgee	No	No	No	Yes
Mae Jackson, Okfuskee	Absent	No	No	Yes
Clyde Johnson, Okfuskee	No	No	No	Yes
Frank Kamp, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Charlie Litsey, Okmulgee	Yes	No	No	Yes
Harley Little, Muskogee	Yes	No	Abstain	Yes
Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Did not vote
Tommy Newton, McIntosh	Yes	Absent	Absent	Absent
Tom Pickering, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Donna Rhodes, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain
Earl Wheeler, Creek	Yes	No	Abstain	Yes
Jerry Wilson, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes
Thomas Yahola, Hughes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

In Brief

Arbeka gospel singing Aug. 3

WEWOKA -- Arbeka United Indian Methodist Church will present Gospel Way from Locust Grove Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m. Emcee will be M.C. Sampson Leach. All singers are welcome. A barbecue supper will be available at 6:30 p.m. Directions: From Interstate 40, turn north at Wewoka/Cromwell exit, go two miles on Oklahoma 56 and follow signs from highway.

Hillabee sets reunion Sept. 15

HANNA -- Hillabee Baptist Church will be host to a reunion Sept. 15, beginning at 10 a.m. Recognition of families will be made, games played and dinner will be served at noon. Those attending should bring food and lawn chairs. Information: Call Joycetta (Beaver) Bark at 918-834-1181 after 5:30 p.m. or write 1133 N. Haven, Tulsa, OK 74115.

Grave Creek to host singing

HITCHITA -- Grave Creek Baptist Church will be host to a gospel singing Aug. 11, 8 p.m. Serving as emcee will be Spook Wesley and gospel group UNITY. Those attending should bring lawn chairs. The church, pastored by the Rev. L. Lowe, is located on Oklahoma 266 between Checotah and Henryetta.

Phoenix church to honor Creek

PHOENIX, Ariz. -- The Rev. Harry Long, Creek citizen, will be honored with a reception Aug. 22, 5:30 p.m., at the Shepherd of Valley Lutheran Church here.

Long, pastor of the Garfield Indian United Methodist Church, started a street ministry in Phoenix nearly 15 years ago.

Tickets for the reception, which will include dinner, dances and entertainment, cost \$5 for adults. Children under 13 will be admitted free. Proceeds will be given to Long.

Garfield Indian United Methodist Church members are organizing the reception. Information: Call 602-274-5678 or write, Wanda Doty, 636 N. Third, Phoenix, AZ, 85003.

Freedman church sets revivals

TULSA -- The Branch of Jerusalem Church of God, founded by Creek Freedman Bennie Maxfield, will conduct three revivals. The church is located at 2501 E. 27th St. N, Tulsa. The first revival week began July 30. Revivals also run Aug. 6-10 and Aug. 13-17.

Ministries to hold meeting

TULSA -- Liberty Faith Fellowship and Morning Star Ministries will present a camp meeting Aug. 29-Sept. 2. The meeting will be 4.5 miles east of U.S. 75 (at Beeline Grocery) or 221st street at Harvard and Yale avenues. Guest speakers: the Rev. Bill Litlesun of Apache, and James Forde of Portageville, Mo. Special music will be provided by Negiel Bigpond and Bart Kelly Youth Services. A children's church and nursery will be provided. A women's meeting is scheduled the afternoon of Sept. 1.

Messenger to perform in Tulsa

OKMULGEE -- The Christian rock group, Messenger, will be playing at Bells Amusement Park in Tulsa Aug. 16 during the KXOJ/Bells Song and Talent Search. Three of the five members, Rodney and Timmy Autaubo, and Kathy Polen are Creek.

and gospel group U.I. "Y. Those attending

New mission director takes on challenges

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

YARDEKA -- In February, Leon Postoak was an active layman in his home church and with the Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Baptist Association.

Today, Postoak is the director of missions for the 68 Indian churches in the MSW Association. Postoak was named director in March, after the death of former associational missionary Dan Phillips.

Known as 'Chippie' to longtime friends and acquaintances, Postoak began his Baptist work in 1981 after converting to Christianity. As a member of Spring Church in Sasakwa, Postoak said he began working as a mission service corp volunteer and has been active since. He was ordained to the ministry by Spring Church in April.

Despite a lack of seminary training, Postoak said he is relying on divine guidance for insight and training.

"I'm more than just a speaker in the pulpit," Postoak said. "I'm there to help and I must be willing."

Postoak said he believes most of the churches need to resume doctrinal training and missions work. "Many times in our churches, we have people receiving Christ but then training stops," Postoak said. "We need to be explaining the church covenant and training church doctrine to new converts."

Postoak said many churches are losing the young adults because churches haven't responded to their training needs as they do with children and elders. He said he believes 18- to 30-year-olds can be brought back to the churches if the local church will make an effort to teach and train.

Dr. Robert Haskins, director of missions and language missions for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, agrees: young adults are missing from Indian churches. But Haskins cites



Photo by Jim Wolfe

Leon Postoak: "I'm more than just a speaker in the pulpit. I'm there to help and I must be willing."

language as another reason for the lack of attendance.

"Many of the churches are still having traditional services in their native tongues," Hastings said.

Hastings said Baptist work with Indian churches is alive and well among the eastern tribes and that current trends are part of a cycle being felt in non-Indian churches as well.

Postoak said he believes the churches will grow in attendance and in scope of work.

"It has always been the focus (of Baptist churches) to build churches, new missions, begin new work and implement new Bible studies," Postoak said.

Despite the challenges of his position, Postoak said he believes his vision is from God and that his work is rewarding.

"I'm concerned about ministry," Postoak said. "Somewhere we need to help our people to become trainers. We need to step out in faith and help these people grow."

"I want the people to know that I am here to help."

M-S-W associational to convene Aug. 15-19

YARDEKA -- "Share heritage and hope - extend Christ's mission" will be the theme for the 115th annual associational meeting Aug. 15-19 at the Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Assembly Grounds here.

The MSW Indian Baptist Association is comprised of 68 member churches.

Leon Postoak, associational director of missions, said he expects a large contingent to study, worship and conduct associational business. Though active in associational work for eight years, this will be Postoak's first meeting as missions director.

"There will be a lot of churches represented at the meeting," Postoak said. "I am eager to do the Lord's work in this association."

Those attending the annual meeting will attend classes in Sunday school training, missions work, bible study and doctrine.

The associational messengers will hear reports from the Women's' Missionary Union committee, the Brotherhood committee, and program committee.

While the itinerary may seem routine, Postoak said guest speakers and classroom teachers will concentrate on developing the church's mission at the local level.

"It is very important for the church to teach its young about doctrine," Postoak said. "Too often, the local church will accept a new member or convert and then not follow up on that person's spiritual development."

"I'm concerned about nurturing. We need to step out in faith and help these people grow (spiritually)."

Speakers at the meeting include Dr. Robert Haskins, director of missions and language missions for the Baptist General convention of Oklahoma.

"Baptist work is alive and well among the Eastern (Oklahoma) tribes," said Haskins, who will give Friday's sermon. "We certainly intend to fulfill Christ's mission."

Scheduled to speak are Jim Kerr, Kellos Walker, Richmon Carr, Willis Knight, Truitt John and Gary Hawkins.

In Brief

Alumni sponsors golf scramble

TULSA -- Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma will sponsor a men's and women's four-man scramble golf tournament Oct. 6-7 with proceeds going to a benefit scholarship. The tournament, to be played at LaFortune Park Golf Course (5501 S. Yale) will be held in conjunction with the group's annual reunion Oct. 5-7 at the Park Plaza Hotel. A picnic is scheduled Oct. 7 at LaFortune Park near the south end of the golf parking lot. Awards will be given to the top five team finishers. Entry fee: \$50 per person, which includes green fee and golf cart fees. Sign in before 10 a.m. Contact: Calvin Dailey at 405-382-6629 or Ben Shoemaker at 918-743-3049. Mail name, address and phone number, average or handicap and entry fee to Jim Thompson, 811 Seventh St., Pawnee, OK 74058.

Indian law books donated at OU

NORMAN -- A collection of 2,700 American Indian law books and related works has been presented to the University of Oklahoma Law Library by Rennard Strickland.

Strickland of Muskogee will be joining the OU faculty as a law professor in August.

Strickland comes to OU from the University of Wisconsin at Madison where he was a professor of law.

The collection, which consists of books and other printed materials acquired by Strickland during the past 40 years, includes such rare items as early drafts of tribal laws as well as contemporary tribal papers and other historical, political and literary works.

Rich in material about Oklahoma tribes, the collection includes material relating to treaty negotiations and legislation in Oklahoma and early tribal laws.

Sequoyah HS taking applications

TAHLEQUAH -- Sequoyah High School is taking applications for the 1990-91 academic year, said Jim Quetone, superintendent. School will begin Aug. 16.

Sequoyah is operated by the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and its own school board. It is fully accredited as a senior high school, grades 9-12, by the Oklahoma State Department of Education and also by the North Central Association.

An application for enrollment must be completed and approved before a student can be

accepted. Applications and information concerning enrollment is available by calling 918-456-0631 or writing to Sequoyah High School, P.O. Box 948, Tahlequah, OK., 74465. The administrative office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

National Indian rodeo Nov. 15

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. -- The 15th annual Indian National Finals Rodeo will return to the New Mexico State Fairgrounds here Nov. 15-18. The rodeo features top Indian cowboys representing 10 regions in the United States and Canada. Indian rodeo contenders will compete for \$80,000 in prize money and awards. Tickets available by calling 505-884-0999.

Indian bowling tourney Sept. 29

DALLAS -- The Dallas Indian Bowling League's 21st annual bowling tournament will be held here at Bronco Bowl Sept. 29-30. The league invites all Indian bowlers. Information: Call Harry Martinez, tournament director, at 214-337-6035.

MNN August deadline: Aug. 24

Obituaries

Melissa Tiger

OKEMAH -- Melissa Tiger, 85, of Okemah died July 6. Services were held July 9 at the Prairie Springs Baptist Church with the Rev. George Doyle officiating and George McNac as medicine watcher. Burial was at the Tiger Family Cemetery. Mrs. Tiger was born Oct. 1, 1904, in Okemah. She was a member of the Greenleaf Indian Baptist Church. She was a mother and grandmother of five generations. She was preceded in death by her parents, Tulsay and Mollie Harjo; her husband, George Tiger in 1971; two brothers, Abner and Josiah Harjo; one sister, Lizzie Harjo Robison; one son, Palmer Wolfe, and nine grandchildren. Survivors: one daughter, Christine Henneha of Okemah; one son, Clarence Tiger Sr. of Sapulpa; one brother Johnson L. Harjo; 16 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 31 great-great grandchildren. Pallbearers: Amos Roberts, Fred Boatman, Lee Joshua, Bobby Harjo, David Deere, Wiley Littlecreek, Stanley Harjo and John Johnson.

Delilah Berryhill

SCHULTER -- Delilah Berryhill, 78, of Schulters died July 5 in Schulters. Services were held July 9 at the Little Cussetah Methodist Church with the Rev. Thomas Long officiating. Burial was in the Little Cussetah Church Cemetery. Mrs. Berryhill was born Nov. 7, 1911. She married James Franklin Berryhill April 8, 1936 at Honey Creek Church near Wilson. He preceded her in death Dec. 25, 1976. She was a member of the Little Cussetah Indian Methodist Church. Survivors: four children, Lucien Wayne Berryhill, Prentiss Glen Berryhill and Phyllis Gayle Davis, all of Henryetta; and Larry Dean Berryhill of Schulters; 10 grandchildren, one great grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

Lillie Wind

OKEMAH -- Lillie Wind, 88, died July 3 at the Creek Nation Community Hospital after a long illness. Services were held July 6 in the High Spring Baptist Church with the Rev. Daniel Wind and the Rev. Jake Marshall officiating. Burial was in the Foster Family Cemetery. Mrs. Wind was born in Tahlequah May 31, 1902. She was the daughter

of Moses and Mary (Jones) Squirrel. Mrs. Wind had been a resident of Okfuskee County since 1918 and was a member of the High Spring Baptist Church. Her husband, Jess A. Wind, preceded her in death June 23, 1975. One son and two sisters also preceded her in death. Survivors: two sons, the Rev. Daniel Wind of Okemah and Jess A. Wind Jr. of Wewoka; one daughter, Ethel Bunner of Glenpool; 23 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren.

Michael Dean Wolfe

CHECOTAH -- Michael Dean Wolfe, 32, of Midwest City died July 6 at Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City. Services were held July 9 at the First Southern Baptist Church and at Big Arbor Indian Baptist Church in Stidham with the Rev. Boney McIntosh officiating. Burial was in the McIntosh Cemetery in Stidham. Wolfe was born Feb. 17, 1958 in France to Robert C. and Wyonna (Brausell) Wolfe. He was employed with Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. Survivors: Patricia (Moore) Wolfe of the home; two daughters, Jami and Melinda Wolfe of the home; his parents, Robert and Wyonna Wolfe of Ketchum; two sisters, Kay Tsouhlasakis of Lawrence, Kan., and Ellen Wolfe of Eufaula and his grandmother Jennie Brausuell.

Nora Mae Tiger Stake

RICHMOND, Calif. -- Nora Tiger Stake, 76, died July 10 in Richmond. Services were held July 16 at Chapel of the Mission Bells in San Pablo, with the Rev. Ronald Star of All Tribes Baptist Chapel officiating. Traditional Creek hymns and prayers were performed by the Rev. George Smith. A eulogy written by granddaughter Denise Burger was read by her husband Peter. Burial was at the Rolling Hills Memorial Park in Richmond. A full-blood Creek, Mrs. Stake was born July 25, 1913, and lived in Henryetta, Okla., before making her home in Richmond. Her parents were Simpson Tiger and Lena Hall Tiger. Mrs. Stake was preceded in death by her husband Albert Stake Jr. and her brothers Johnson and Woodrow Tiger of Oklahoma. Survivors: one son, Jimmie H. Stake, one daughter, Gladys Ratterman; seven grandchildren, Denis Taylor Berger, Jimmie Stake Jr., Robin Nelson, Jerrie Stake, Roxanne Ratterman, Janelle Stake and Jeanean Stake-Hayes; and eight great-grandchildren.

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Project

Director

Project Director, "NATIVE" (Native American Training in Vital Education). This position reports to the Director, UW Indian Education Office within the Division of Student Educational Opportunity, a division of Student Affairs.

Starting Date: September 1990

Salary: Will be competitive

Closing Date: Aug. 8, 1990

Duties: Direct and supervise the personnel and financial operation of Project: "NATIVE"; Develop and provide recruitment activities, retention and academic support services, and career exploration experiences for participants. Coordinator with other student support services within the Division of Student Educational Opportunity and Student Affairs. Work with the SEO Ethnic Minority Advocacy Team on issues related to recruitment, retention and program development for minorities. Plan and implement short-term and long term goals and objectives. Maintain liaison activities between Project: NATIVE and the Wind River Reservation. Assist in coordination between the Joint Business Councils of the Arapahoe and Shoshone tribes, corporations, education agencies, foundation and organizations relative to project needs. Coordinate with the Indian Education Office with program development and student services.

Qualifications: (Minimum) Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience in an academic or human services field. Two years of experience with the

American Indian Community, programs and reservations including practical counseling affiliation, administrative experience, grant writing ability.

To Apply: Send letter of application, resume and 3 letters of reference to: UW Personnel Office Box 3422 Laramie, WY. 82071. For more information contact: Dr. Delores Cardona, SEO, University of Wyoming, PO Box 3808, Laramie, WY 82071; 307/766-6189.

Financial aid counselor

Job Functions: The individual in this position takes an active role in the counseling of students and parents, participates in university and departmental outreach programs, and assumes the responsibility for the accurate and timely processing of a significant number of financial aid applications annually.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree with preferably 1-2 years of student personnel experience. Having both a Master's Degree and prior financial aid experience is highly desirable. Possessing effective verbal and written communication skills is required.

Salary: Commensurate with education and experience (Range A3: \$1436-2,024/month).

To receive full consideration, your letter of application and resume, including names and addresses of three references, should be received no later than August 10, 1990. Please submit to: Financial Aid Counselor Search 106 Hanner, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK. 74078-9212

MNN August deadline: Aug. 24

New treatment aids in battle with alcoholism

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

OKEMAH -- Ben Yahola admits he was one of thousands of Native American alcoholics who are struggling with their problem in the United States today.

But with the help of nutritional-biochemical treatment Yahola said he has been able to successfully control the illness and stay away from alcohol for the past two years.

Yahola, a full-blood Creek and Oklahoma native, recently shared information about the treatment at the second Summit on Indigenous Strategies and Youth and Elders Conference held at the Muskogee Indian Round House here.

He also gave a presentation over biochemical-nutritional restoration at the Native American Language Institute Conference, held in conjunction with the Red Earth celebration in Oklahoma City.

Unaware that certain peoples' biochemistry makes them more susceptible to becoming an alcoholic, Yahola said he sought answers from the Indian-oriented treatment center programs he participated in while trying to control his addiction.

"They could never answer my questions like 'Why can't I stop marijuana? What is happening within my body; the THC? Why do I have memory loss?'"

"And what they always told me was to go back to step one (Alcoholics Anonymous) and admit I was an alcoholic and that wasn't sufficient for me."

Unsatisfied with these traditional therapy groups Yahola eventually sought treatment at the Health Recovery Center in Minneapolis, Minn., and became the first Native American to successfully complete the treatment program.

The six-week, fully-monitored treatment program consists of intensive detoxification through the intake of certain vitamins and amino acids, and the implementation of biochemical and psychological treatment. Joan Mathews Larson, who holds a PhD in nutrition, was prompted to study the biochemistry of alcoholics and eventually found the Health Recovery Center after her son committed suicide. Larson's son, Rob Mathews, became involved in drugs and alcohol after the death of his father.

Larson said although Rob received drug therapy and stayed off drugs and alcohol he was unhappy and had unpredictable mood swings which led to his suicide.

Larson said certain people or cultures, such as Native Americans, Irish, and Northern Europeans, are at a high risk to becoming alcoholics because they are bio-chemically receptive to the drug. "They get really punished for having this behavior

It isn't the color of your skin; it's how long your culture has used alcohol.

-Joan Matthews Larson

when it's not their fault," Larson said.

She said alcohol has been a part of these cultures for a fairly short period of time thus making these peoples bio-chemically receptive to the drug.

"It isn't the color of your skin; it's how long your culture has used alcohol."

She said people from the Mediterranean are almost never alcoholics because alcohol has been implemented into their cultures for a great length of time.

She described it as the survival of the fittest. When alcohol was first introduced into a particular society those who couldn't tolerate alcohol died, therefore leaving those who could tolerate it. These people then produced descendants who were immune to alcohol addiction.

Among groups susceptible to becoming alcoholics Native Americans have an 85 percent vulnerability rate in comparison to the Irish's 40 percent, Larson said. She said the nutritional-biochemical field of treatment is still very young which is why the field continues to be dominated by psychologists.

Ninety-five percent of alcoholics receive help from in-patient treatment centers (counseling or group therapy; AA) in comparison to the 4 percent of alcoholics who seek nutritional-biochemical treatment.

Larson said the Health Recovery Center has a 75 percent success rate in comparison to the 12- to 25- percent average success rate of traditional 28-day drying-out programs.

Larson maintains this is due to the implementation of things that traditional treatment doesn't offer.

Her treatment program's detoxification formula and diet modification physically repairs the mind and body. The detox formula rebuilds the central nervous system within the brain alleviating stress, anxiety, paranoia and depression.

These are all systems from which the "dry drunk" suffers. Larson described the "dry drunk" as an alcoholic who is off liquor, yet still suffers from mood swings and the biochemical imbalance of an alcoholic.

Larson maintains that traditional groups, such as AA aren't offering "physical repair for a physical disease." Whereas AA uses only coun-

seling, the Health Recovery Center offers both counseling and physical repair.

"The depression is so overwhelming, yet they continue to put them in groups to talk them out of it."

She said the diet of a person prone to alcohol has to be one that excludes refined sugar, white flour as well as caffeine, and nicotine. Intaking certain vitamins, along with a modified diet will rid the addicted person from cravings for alcohol. Larson said a common factor among the 25 percent who have failed the Health Recovery Center's treatment program is that they all continued to smoke.

She said that most alcoholics suffer from hypoglycemia, low blood sugar, which can eventually turn into diabetes.

When a person consumes alcohol the pancreas discharges insulin to control the amount of sugar introduced into the body through that alcohol. This controlled sugar causes the person to become hypoglycemic. If that person continually consumes alcohol the pancreas eventually runs out of the sugar controlling insulin. When this happens there is no longer anything to regulate the sugar and the alcoholic then becomes diabetic.

She said the alcoholic can't control his craving for alcohol in very much the same way an individual can't eat just one cookie, but instead several.

"It is where the body is demanding so strongly that no amount of intellect can intervene."

The Health Recovery Center encourages a diet of fresh vegetables, fruits, fish, chicken, brown rice and cooking with 100 percent whole grain flour.

"I see that as something close to the way the Indians used to live. This approach follows along with Indian philosophy. What the elders and Phillip Deere always talked about is taking what the earth has to offer and being self-sufficient and using the earth in its natural state," Yahola said.

As a result of this treatment, Yahola, who drank for 16 years, said he has regained sense of smell and memory. He also said he has regained the emotional stability to deal with everyday matters rationally.

Yahola also briefly talked with Negiel Bigpond, counselor/coordinator of the Creek Nation Community Hospital's Human Services and Substance Abuse Program, about the possibility of implementing this type of treatment in his program.

"If addiction was caused from a psychological problem from the past I don't see how nutrients can help them. There has to be some type of counseling in those areas," Bigpond said.

"My feelings are that that's what's going to keep them sober; the nutrients aren't going to keep them sober," he said, adding that he wasn't very familiar with the nutritional-biochemical treatment process.

Thirty give blood at Creek Nation bloodmobile stop

OKMULGEE -- Thirty people donated blood to the American Red Cross at a bloodmobile stop July 27 at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Capitol Complex.

Goal for the stop was 30. Those donating:

-- Okmulgee: Mindy Brown, Michael Combs, Lisa Deere, Georgeann DeLaune, Donita Driver, Denise Merritt, Joanna Monahwee, Terry Noon, Katherine Polen, Leslie Stone, Rachel Thomas, Vicky Watashe, Rex Watson and Winona Willett;
-- Henryetta: Lucien Berryhill, Jimmy King,

Steven Landsberry, James Wolfe;

-- Morris: Lizanne Holata, Danny Roberts;
-- Glenpool: Judy Hite, Newman Frank Jr.;
-- Dewar: Smiley Barnett;
-- Beggs: Evelyn Parker;
-- Tulsa: Leo Brausell;
-- Broken Arrow: Joe Thornburgh;
-- Sapulpa: Sherry Baker;
-- Bristow: Roger Barnett;
-- Hanna: Chanenna Davis; and,
-- Wetumka: Phyllis Henry.

Block grant hearing scheduled Aug. 13

OKMULGEE -- A hearing concerning Creek Nation's proposed Fiscal Year '91 Community Service Block Grant application and scope of activities will be Aug. 13.

The meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. in the Creek Nation Elderly Nutrition Dining Hall at the tribal capitol complex.

Purpose of the meeting: to solicit comment on the proposed application.

Quarterly financial statement

For quarter ending June 29, 1990

The Creek Nation's Office of the Treasury, as one of its major functions, produces a series of monthly budgetary and general ledger reports on all activities and programs of the Creek Nation. These reports are made available to appropriate management personnel and other interested parties.

The Office of the Treasury maintains an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for fund accounting in order to meet the standards and reporting requirements of the Government Finance Officers Association and the reporting requirements as established under the A-128 Single Audit Act.

Reports prepared under these standards tend to be technical and complex by nature, which may require a more in-depth understanding of both accounting principles and fund accounting than those reports of other entities.

In order to keep tribal members cognizant of the financial status of the Creek Nation, a summary financial statement is prepared and published quarterly. This statement has been prepared on a cash basis to reflect receipts and expenditures accumulated on year to date basis.

A detailed explanation of the reading of this statement is as follows:

PROGRAM NAME: Provides the titles of the various programs and activities of the Creek Nation.

RECEIPTS: Provides a year to date total of all cash collected for this program.

BUDGET: Provides the approved budget for the current fiscal year, for federal and tribal funds.

ENCUMBERED FUNDS: Provides totals, at the date of report, for commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services.

EXPENDED FUNDS: Provides totals for all obligations incurred and paid at the date of report.

UNENCUMBERED FUNDS: This gives the balance of the budget minus encumbered funds minus expended fund. This is the balance available for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Program Name	Receipts	Budget	Encumbered	Expended	Unencumbered
Treasury	12,775	10,000	0	5,137	4,863
General Taxes & License	572,907	561,646	53	311,283	250,310
Administration	1,119,643	1,446,822	8,232	1,035,542	403,048
Consumer Loans	22,651	59,729	0	42,008	17,721
Communications	276,599	272,200	19,608	226,568	26,024
Creek Nation Bingo	2,137,745	3,884,810	35,692	2,397,758	1,451,360
C.N. Permanent Fund	89,626	0	0	0	0
Tulsa C.N. Bingo Escrow	1,120,594	0	0	0	0
Tribal Budget 1990	1,375,560	1,455,643	10,864	1,095,875	348,904
Job Trng & Plcmnt Act 88	1,277	1,277	0	1,277	0
Job Trng & Plcmnt Act 89	556,307	832,686	8,463	551,899	272,324
Family Violence Prevention	8,511	8,073	0	7,911	162
IHS Tribal Mgmt. Grant	31,000	0	0	0	0
HHS-Headstart '89	108,236	137,768	0	98,765	39,003
Admini. on Aging '89	42,652	50,148	457	42,912	6,779
Com.Ser.Block Grant '89	0	3,359	0	2,650	709
HHS-Children Service '89	642	643	0	643	0
Homeless Assist. act '89	2,552	3,033	0	3,053	(20)
Family Violence Prev. 89	8,009	13,960	5	8,069	5,886
HHS-Headstart '90	295,922	469,468	7,404	299,792	162,272
AOA-90	0	80,110	0	0	80,110
Com.Ser.Block Grant '90	11,474	14,417	0	11,943	2,474
L.I.H.E.A.P.	49,788	52,182	0	50,238	1,944
Child Serv. Title IV-B	32,884	49,638	210	33,051	16,377
Homeless Assist. Act '90	0	3,816	0	250	3,566
Family Violence Prev.	0	16,410	0	0	16,410
Com.Dev.Block Grant '87	0	445	0	445	0
Com.Dev.Block Grant '88	240,921	271,305	19,472	230,308	21,525
Ok. Dept Mental Health 89	15,000	15,000	0	15,000	0
USDA-Food Distrib. 89	31,374	44,332	0	44,332	0
OIAC-Energy Assistance 89	0	159	0	159	0
Com.Dev.Block Grant 89	140,493	434,167	18,711	130,116	285,340
USDA-Food Distrib. 90	176,688	247,339	379	180,975	65,985
OIAC-Energy Assistance 90	13,400	13,400	0	10,622	2,778
AOA-USDA-Reimbursement	38,797	36,400	2,489	19,720	14,191
Headstart USDA-Reimburse	35,628	48,000	7	36,629	11,364
Euf. Dorm-Activity Fund	7,676	2,943	0	7,395	(4,452)
MNN Activity Fund	913	0	0	0	0
Court Clerk Act. Account	1,040	600	0	200	400
BIA-Adult Education	114,841	198,866	982	116,125	81,759
BIA-Aid to Tribal Gov	294,851	347,532	11,110	296,599	39,823
BIA-Community Services	99,685	118,848	0	99,289	19,559
BIA-Higher Education	458,185	671,648	1,992	454,301	215,355
BIA-Natural Resource	346,273	538,614	2,627	337,559	198,428
BIA-Adult Vocat. Trng	170,072	345,771	115	172,085	173,571
BIA-Credit & Finance	68,614	117,761	0	68,986	48,775
BIA-Other Employ. Assistance	17,207	18,217	0	17,586	631
BIA-JOM Early Childhood	13,488	18,010	0	12,839	5,171
BIA-Agriculture	136,975	229,964	7,037	138,639	84,288
BIA-Social Services	217,275	272,465	82	214,896	57,487
BIA-Housing	174,815	289,823	18,274	183,943	87,606
BIA-Real Estate Appraisals	84,197	160,147	668	84,294	75,185
BIA-Minerals & Mining	15,251	14,152	0	14,052	100
BIA-Water Resources	1,410	2,043	182	1,873	(12)
BIA-Other Real Estate	125,045	200,996	205	126,039	74,752
BIA-Eufaula Dorm (Maint)	567,599	528,948	55,962	184,228	288,758
BIA-Eufaula Dorm (Education)	771,816	690,473	2,972	481,305	206,196
BIA-Indian Child Welfare	2,899	674	0	674	0
CN Community Hospital	1,595	364,324	2,708	237,779	123,837
Community Health Representa	536	0	0	0	0
CN Outpatient Clinics	1,810	57,501	4,418	2,589	50,494
Sapulpa Clinic-3rd Party	4,349	4,735	0	3,370	1,365
Eufaula Clinic-3rd Party	11,074	22,640	0	281	22,359
Okmulgee Dental/3rd Party	1,715	0	0	0	0
Youth Svcs/Pro. Income	30	3,016	159	760	2,097
Alcohol/Substance Abuse	0	24,999	0	7,809	17,190
CN Community Hosp. 89	955,243	1,198,872	1,735	865,373	331,764
Com.Health Rep. 89	56,245	685,243	450	391,102	293,691
89 Outpatient Clinics	523,811	637,015	4,853	421,565	210,597
C.N. Employee Benefit	44,041	62,154	0	54,825	7,329
Development & Construction	5,307	17,550	0	6,356	11,194
Tribal Real Prop & Fac	630,439	815,463	872	716,100	98,491
Tribal-Property & Supply	52,555	69,082	1,064	25,489	42,529
Festival Committee 89	65,620	74,632	0	67,342	7,290
Totals	14,614,152	19,344,106	250,513	12,708,577	6,385,016

Tribal towns appoint executive secretary, OK expense ordinance

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

OKEMAH -- Ordinances to appoint an executive secretary and to regulate tribal town expenses were passed by the Mvskokullke Etlwa Etelaketa (Muscogee Tribal Town Confederacy) at its monthly meeting.

The Muscogee Tribal Town Confederacy consists of representatives of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's tribal towns. The group considers itself the traditional form of Creek government.

A motion was passed to appoint Bertha Tilkins as executive secretary and place her on the executive committee. Tilkins will be responsible for the tribal towns organization's bank account and payment of bills.

Organization Chairman Toney Hill introduced a motion that would require all expenditures and checks written to be approved at the monthly meeting. The members passed the ordinance stating whoever occurs any expense must have prior approval or must bring the bill to the meeting in order to have the payment approved.

In other business:

-- Dr. John Moore, the organization's consultant, reported he is still waiting to find out if the organization has been awarded a nursing grant from the National Institute of Health.

If the grant is received it will provide for four nurses through the University of Oklahoma's College of Nursing. Moore said the nursing project will train the nurses to provide culturally appropriate nursing care to Indian people in a tactful manner.

-- Possible uses for the tribal towns' new center were discussed. The members already have designated center space for a linguistics program to teach the Muscogee language. The plans for the

About the Mvskokullke Etlwa Etelaketa

OKEMAH -- The Muscogee Tribal Towns Confederacy, known to its people as the Mvskokullke Etlwa Etelaketa, has been on the move the past few months.

In June, the group moved into its newly-built center.

In July, the tribal towns group helped U.S. Census Bureau officials by conducting its own count.

The Tribal Towns Organization has been around for centuries, continuing its form of traditional government.

The main purpose of the Tribal Towns Organization is to "perpetuate true tribal people," said Thomas Berryhill Jr., executive committee member and current Okmulgee district representative for the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

The organization also is involved in health research.

Dr. John Moore, University of Oklahoma professor of anthropology and the organization's consultant, said the organization originally was funded by a grant from the National Institute of Health.

Currently the non-profit organization is funded by private donors, the U.S. Census Bureau and health-related grants, such as the American Diabetes Association and the American Heart Association, Moore said.

Moore has been involved actively with many factions of Creek people for the past 10 years. He has worked with the Muscogee Nation tribal court, done research for the Redstick Party, as well as conducted a diabetes research project over Creeks for the ADA.

In July, the Tribal Town Organization worked in conjunction with the Census Bureau on alternative enumeration. Moore said Indians often are undercounted in the Census. So, using people in the community, the tribal towns conducted their own

count.

In regard to the tribal town organization, Moore said he will be working with diabetes and medical anthropology as well as writing grants in order to bring in general income for the organization.

The Tribal Town Organization currently operates much like the ancient tribal town confederacy. Tribal towns, as well as traditional communities and churches, are automatically members of the organization.

Each individual tribal town selects two members -- the micco and an individual from the tv'stnvk-v'lke (warriors) -- to represent it. Moore said of the 44 tribal towns, 20 to 25 send representatives throughout the year.

In 1983, the organization's charter was signed by 14 miccos. In 1980, Toney Hill, Greenleaf's Micco, was elected by the tribal town miccos to be the chairman of the organization.

Being a loosely-knit confederacy, the tribal towns only met during war or time of emergency. But 20 years ago they began meeting regularly at ceremonial grounds or organization members' houses.

Within the past century the confederacy has met during the Crazy Snake Rebellion (1894-96), the Green Peach Rebellion (1895), the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of 1937 and during events leading to the U.S. District Court case of Harjo vs. Kleppe. In the Harjo-Kleppe case, the District Court ruled tribal towns were the legitimate government.

Berryhill described the organization's purpose as "something that will hold the tribal towns together."

He said the tribal town will act as "one canopy organization to promote them (tribal towns) and provide a central gathering place to conduct business and receive benefits that are still afforded to us."

program are not yet specific.

If the organization receives the nursing grant nurses quarters also will be provided.

Moore said the center also will provide a kitchen in which the tribal town, community, church and Creek members may use for various functions.

The doorways also have been made wide in provision for funerals that may be held at the center.

-- The last item on the agenda was the possibility of offering office and program space to the Yuchi Nation, although the discussion will be taken up at the tribal towns organization's September meeting.

The Mvskokullke Etlwa Etelaketa, which usually meets the second Saturday of each month, but will not meet in August because of construction to its meeting center.

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\$3.7 million. Tobacco tax requests are \$461,873.

Bingo revenues are projected at \$1.1 million on October 1 and tax revenues are projected to be \$639,210.

The division of community services is projecting a \$4.2 million budget with \$1.5 million from bingo revenues. The request is \$400,000 more than available in the bingo treasury.

Eight other operations and programs will use 1991 bingo revenues.

In his budget message to the Council, Cox said a "major concern" is the tribe's reduced monetary asset base. Treasury records reveal that the tribe has spent more than \$9 million in bingo revenues.

Creek Nation Gaming Commissioner Tim Harper said bingo and tax revenues were \$2.8 million in 1989. For 1990, Harper said revenues probably will be 10 percent greater than last year.

"We've seen increases every year," Harper said. "We haven't reached the maximum of our market (for bingo) yet, so we should continue to see growth."

The tobacco tax and license revenues have increased because the number of smokeshops has increased to 25.

The Chief has suggested the tribe increase its

Where the money goes

The Creek Nation fiscal year 1991 comprehensive budget has 12 components. The following list includes the component, bingo revenue requests and total budget.

	Bingo revenues	Tobacco taxes	Total
Executive Branch	\$540,762	255,127	957,344
Office of Treasury	0	0	605,542
Office of Administration	290,000	0	1,028,111
Human Development	847,785	0	4,378,252
Community services	1,592,745	50,000	4,207,791
Tribal affairs	0	0	3,172,872
Justice	65,491	0	201,564
Acquisitions	0	0	42,016
National Council	279,510	0	448,029
Judicial	17,001	156,746	241,456
Hospital & clinics	9,900	0	9,900
Attorney general	86,570	0	86,570
Total	3,729,764	461,873	15,379,447
1991 bingo revenue projection - \$1,162,269 -- 1991 tobacco tax projection - \$639,210			
1991 all sources projection - \$13,042,304			

emphasis on economic development and establish additional policies on asset management and preservation.

It may be difficult for the tribe to increase economic development efforts if there is no money. The proposed bingo hall in Muskogee is character-

istic of the revenue dilemma.

Projections from the Office of Public Gaming say the Muskogee bingo operations could generate \$500,000 a year for the tribe. But building the hall will cost at least \$1 million, and probably more, Harper said.

Beaver

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Johnston, Chuck McKinney and Tom Friday.

"I think one of the reasons he's been so successful is that his staff has been coaching with him forever," said Mike Brown, *Tulsa World* sports writer who has tracked Beaver's career during the 1980s.

Beaver's coaching highlights include large-school state football championships in 1979 (Class 3A) and 1982 (5A) and being named Coach of the Year by *The Daily Oklahoman* and the *Tulsa World* newspapers.

Brown said Beaver's accomplishments are expected at Jenks, considered a strong football power in Oklahoma.

"Perry's been able to feed the monster and has done a good job at a school with large expectations," Brown said.

Beaver obtained his 100th win since taking over as head coach in 1977 during a regular season victory against Bartlesville last season. The Trojans went 8-3 and were eliminated in the first round of the Class 5A playoffs by Sapulpa.

At one time six JHS graduates were on football scholarship at the University of Oklahoma and 1983 graduate Richard Davis, nose tackle, is currently in the New Orleans Saints' camp.

"It's been great here," Beaver said, "if not I wouldn't be here."

Beaver has coached several Creeks at Jenks, including Roy Alsup, Bobby Alsup and Larry Alsup, Melvin Mitchell and Robert Mitchell and twin sons Brant and Brent Beaver, now 20. Brant and Brent Beaver were both all-district linemen during their '86-'87 senior seasons.

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intended for Cox's registration at a sovereignty symposium in Oklahoma City.

In response July 30, Morgan said she purchased only four lunch tickets and that approval for purchasing the lunches and tee shirts had been given to her by the members of the Supreme Court. According to Morgan's records, the judicial branch authorized her to make purchases.

Morgan also said Cox had blown the matter out of proportion.

Cox said in his veto message that the present internal control system had caught these problems and sought to correct the disallowance.

The override attempt failed, with 13 representatives voting yes to override. Fourteen voted no.

In other Council business:

-- a bill itemizing expenditures for the communications department budget was amended three times before passing.

In February, funding for the communications department was changed from indirect costs to

IHS

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given to him. The contracting officer said he requested the information from the auditor and from Thom Shoe, an administrator at IHS's Central Office in Rockville, Md.

Calls made by The Muscogee Nation News to Fast Wolf throughout July were not returned. In the July 24 *Tulsa World*, Dr. Robert Harry, IHS area director, told the newspaper that Fast Wolf was on leave.

Harry had no comment to the *Tulsa World* on whether the two audits had been ignored in Fast Wolf's report.

Creek Nation executive director Gary Breshears

A third state championship as a swan song is not out of the question, said Beaver, who returns seven starters on defense and six on offense.

"We should be respectable," said Beaver, who has taught math, science and physical education at JHS. "With a little luck we should make a run at it."

Ideally, Beaver said, he would wrap up his career as an educator and continue his responsibilities for the Creek Nation as Principal Chief.

"That's my goal," he said.

Beaver cited economic development as one of the critical issues facing the Creek Nation as it heads into the 1990s.

"We have to get in more ways to make money and in turn more jobs for Creeks," Beaver said.

Beaver graduated from Morris High School in 1957 and played football for coach George Tallchief, who went on to become Chief of the Osage tribe. He also played for coaches Bert Lana and Rick Sumner while at Morris.

Beaver accepted a football scholarship at Murray State College in 1957 and played two seasons before transferring to Northeast Louisiana State University in Monroe, La. He obtained his bachelor's degree in Education from Central (Okla.) State University in 1966 and eventually earned a master's degree in Education from Northeastern (Okla.) State University.

Beaver is married to the former Mariam Bruner of Lamar. Daughter Robin will be a junior at JHS this fall while son Del will be a freshman. Perry is the son of John and Della Beaver and is a member of the Big Cussetah Indian Methodist Church.

bingo revenues. An original appropriation of \$272,000 had been intended for operating costs at the Creek Nation Community Hospital since the Indian Health Service had been withholding 1990 health care funds in wake of the IHS claims that the administration had \$3.7 million of disallowable costs.

IHS however, released the 1990 money to the board and the \$272,000 was never appropriated.

Before the bill was approved, the Council clarified two amendments, the most significant being adjustment of the fringe benefit line item amount.

-- A bill naming tribal economic development coordinator Willie Adams head of the proposed economic development commission was placed on the Council's agenda but withdrawn.

The bill was pulled by Okmulgee district representative George Almerigi. Almerigi made no comment on his motion to withdraw. The bill will be sent to the Business and Governmental Services Committee for consideration.

said that since IHS has issued its final report, the tribe was left with only one recourse: "... and that's to settle the dispute in court.

"We're eager to get our facts together and go into court because we'll blow them away with the truth," Breshears said.

It could be months before the matter reaches federal district court.

Childers said Council support of the suit will wait until after IHS discusses the final report with them.

Childers said he invited Fast Wolf to appear before the Council but Dr. Harry would not allow

Thlopthlocco

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cessful. Messages left for tribal town attorney John Ghostbear were not returned.

A spokesman at the Thlopthlocco smokeshop said the bingo hall had been closed. The town's smokeshop operation remains open as does its administrative offices.

Thlopthlocco, a tribal town within Creek Nation, operates as a federally-recognized tribe independent of the Creek Nation. Thlopthlocco's tribal complex is located southeast of Okemah near Clearview.

Gibson said Thlopthlocco officials had been advised about the bingo hall's management system before. Gibson said he urged tribal officials before they opened a bingo hall to obtain a management contract when a third party is involved.

He said tribal officials told him the manager was not a third party but worked with the tribe and was a tribal member. He would name the bingo hall manager.

"The BIA can't do much for them since federal funds were not involved," Gibson said. "The use of bingo and smokeshop monies were used to pay the employees."

Thlopthlocco's main revenues come from bingo, Gibson said. Gibson said he expects the matter to be resolved within the next few weeks.

He said the BIA might step in if the IRS tries to impound or lock up other properties at Thlopthlocco. Gibson said the BIA is watching the situation very closely.

With its status, the gaming facility and smoke-shop operate outside the jurisdiction of the Muscogee Nation's gaming and taxation office.

(Jim Wolfe, MNN Editor, contributed to this story).

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said.

Regarding the clinics, the board ruled it has always been policy for the clinics to not see patients one afternoon in the week to clean instruments, take in-staff training or complete administrative matters. The Okmulgee dental clinic has used Friday afternoon for that purpose and has continued to see patients on Wednesday afternoons. Crow said all of the clinics would not see patients on Wednesday afternoons though she gave no date for the change.

In other business, the board:

-- approved nursing assignment contract with Northeastern State University for community health assignments at the hospital and clinics.

Fast Wolf to address the Council by himself.

"All I want to do is inform the Council about what this claims letter means," Childers said. "The first thing we need to do is get IHS down here. Dr. Harry has assured me he would meet with us and accompany Fast Wolf."

According to Fast Wolf, the tribe may appeal his decision to the Armed Services Board of Appeals by Oct. 2 or to the U.S. Claims Court within a year.

Breshears said, however, that under Public Law 100-472 tribes may bypass the normal appeals process and seek relief and damages in federal court. No suit has yet been filed in federal court.



Summer campers participated in several activities at the Northeast District camp grounds' church youth camp.

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Standing guard



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill
Michael Berryhill, Wesley Dunn and Otis Dunn represented the Muskoke Vietnam Era Veterans at the dedication of the U.S. 75 highway bridge south of Okmulgee. The veterans group presented the color guard at the ceremony.

Tribal leaders ponder budget

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The executive and legislative branches find themselves about \$2 million apart for the Fiscal Year 1991 Muscogee (Creek) Nation comprehensive budget.

The National Council made \$11.2 million available for the tribal operations and programs with the passage of NCA 90-86.

This most recent budget is the third comprehensive spending plan to be considered since July 11 and sets the funding at 1990 levels.

The tribe's 1991 fiscal year begins Oct. 1 and concludes Sept. 30, 1991.

Creek District Rep. Ed Frye, author of the bill, said the latest budget is designed to have bingo and taxation funds available for community appropriations and not to operate the government.

"Basically, it's the same amount of money as last year," Frye said. "We wanted to fund everybody at the 1990 funding level and that's all we asked (the executive branch to do)."

The first comprehensive budget, submitted to the Council's business and governmental services committee, was for \$15.3 million; \$2 million more than projected revenues.

Frye, chairman of the business

The bottom line so far

FIRST BUDGET REQUEST*:
\$15,379,447
SECOND BUDGET REQUEST*:
\$12,955,720
COUNCIL-APPROVED BUDGET:
\$11,200,223
PROJECTED REVENUES
(from all sources):
\$13,208,610
*Submitted by tribal administration.

and governmental services committee, rejected that budget saying a 35.5 percent increase was "excessive" and a \$2 million deficit "irresponsible." The committee asked for a budget that held spending at the 1990 funding level.

A second budget submitted in August, reduced spending levels to nearly \$13 million, with a \$17,000 deficit. That budget exceeded bingo revenues by \$272,200 but left more than \$79,000 available from tax revenues.

Principal Chief Claude Cox said there was no actual deficit with the second budget since the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board has \$272,000 it owes the tribe. The money was appropriated to the board in 1989 while waiting for Indian

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Indian education programs benefitting all, counselors say

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

For a quarter of a century, Archie Mason has been involved actively with Indian education programs. He has been called the longest surviving Indian education director in Oklahoma.

"I don't know what that means," Mason said.

Mason has been with the Tulsa Public School system since 1966. He was there when the Title V Indian

education program was developed in 1973. Mason is the Indian education coordinator of Tulsa Public Schools, a position he has held since 1977.

Title V is a federally-funded program that provides support services as directed by the local community for academic, social or economic services for Indian students and families. Linda Skinner, director of Indian education for the Oklahoma Department of Education, said funding for Title V and Johnson-O'Malley

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Museum closet reveals artifacts

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

OKMULGEE -- Creek Council House Museum curator Tommy Steinsiek was told she had a significant collection of rare artifacts and they were in a small storage room for 50 years.

Steinsiek found out in May the museum possesses a collection of rare artifacts -- some dating back nearly 1,000 years ago.

Don Wyckoff, PhD., Director of Oklahoma Archeological Survey

from the University of Oklahoma, identified the museum's collection as Eufaula Mound artifacts.

At the time, the Creek Indian Memorial Association requested the archeological surveyor's assistance in determining the museum artifacts' historical value.

The collection includes seven to eight pieces of pottery, projectiles, and spearheads. One ceremonial pot in the collection dates between 890 A.D. and 1250 A.D. The artifacts were excavated from the

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Letter to the editor

Creek princess wants MNN to add special section for young readers

Editor:

I am sure you know not many young people read *The Muscogee Nation News*; I suppose they think the issues don't concern them.

My main goal as princess is to get young people involved in Creek Nation's affairs. Before they can get involved they have to at least be aware of the affairs taking place.

There is no reason people my age should not want to read the *MNN*, so I am proposing to add a section to the newspaper for teens. Shoot for the younger ones, maybe 13 to 16. Have a section for them.

If adding a section is not the answer, maybe sending out a newsletter for teens is. This should not get them to the read the *MNN* but it still could be used as a tool to inform them about Creek Nation.

There are lots of things I find kids don't know about our tribe. Some don't know anything about the history of the tribe. Others don't even know who their tribal chairman is, or who their representatives are from their district.

Creek Nation has to aim toward the young people. If we get teens interested and involved in tribal affairs they will stay interested and stay involved. They have to feel included, not excluded, because of their age.

I always have wondered why Creek Nation didn't have a tribal youth council to teach about tribal government. I know money is hard to get and people to help supervise youth events are probably even harder to come by.

I feel Creek Nation has to take an active interest in the youth today.

Dode Ann Warrington, Sapulpa.

Inquiry editor

If you have a question concerning Creek Nation programs or procedures, write Communications Department, Inquiry Editor, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Kansas reader seeks information on out-of-state building programs

Inquiry editor:

I am interested in finding out if there is an out-of-state home building program for Creek Nation citizens. If so, are there income requirements, eligibility, etc? Also: Who do I contact for information?

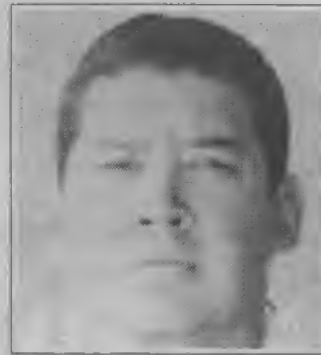
Beatrice Rakestraw, Arkansas City, Kan.

The Creek Nation Housing Authority is a separate entity from the tribal government. The authority was formed to provide housing in the Creek Nation boundaries for Indians, said Ron Scott, deputy director of the CNHA. Any Indian meeting eligibility requirements and residing within the boundaries may apply.

The cognizant agency for the Housing Authority is the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. All funding for the Mutual Help Home program is through HUD.

CNHA director Sam Whitlow suggests that Creek citizens living outside the tribe's jurisdiction contact the Indian Housing Authority in the area, if one exists. If not, Whitlow said a person should contact HUD, the Veterans Administration or the Farmers Home Administration for housing assistance.

Gaming criticisms cause backlash



JIM WOLFE

MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS EDITOR

for the aboriginal people of this continent has stirred the contempt that some Oklahomans have for Indians.

Editorials have suggested Indian enterprises use their sovereign status to evade federal, state or local taxation or undercut non-Indian enterprises. Editorials have called such actions ridiculous and absurd.

What's absurd are contentions that Indians don't pay taxes.

From 1985 through 1989, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of Public Gaming reported that more than \$650,000 in state and federal payroll taxes were paid by the employees of the tribe's Tulsa bingo facility.

The dollar impact of the tribe's gaming operations to northeastern Oklahoma's economy during the same period exceeded \$130 million.

Using the state Commerce Department's formula for dollar turnover (\$1 turns over three times), Creek Nation's five bingo halls have caused more than \$392 million to enter the state's

Recent newspaper editorials regarding the sale of cheaper gasoline by a Keetoowah Band citizen in Skiatook no doubt caused a backlash of white envy and fear for legitimate Indian enterprises.

Perhaps, this was the intent of the comments.

A lack of understanding or a willingness to learn the role of the federal government as trust provider

economy. The tribe's gaming operations surprisingly have thrived despite obstacles of bigotry, court orders and negative publicity.

Interestingly, the same community whose district attorney calls bingo halls a public nuisance is promoting Creek Nation Tulsa Bingo. The chamber lists the bingo hall as a tourist attraction. The Tulsa Transit bus authority even lists the facility in Tulsa publications, such as Newspaper Printing Corp., parent company to *The Tulsa Tribune* and *Tulsa World*.

Contrary to popular belief, Indians do not have a supercitizen status. Like everyone else, many pay property taxes, state and city sales tax and state income tax.

State education benefits directly from Indian existence. Ask educators about the monies received from Johnson-O'Malley and Title V programs.

The mechanism to deal with Art Nave of Skiatook and his operation is in place. To call for the elimination of federal recognition of tribes is a reaction born of ignorance.

Nave does not represent the legitimate economic enterprises of his own people, the Keetoowahs, much less those of Oklahoma's tribes interested in preserving their sovereignty.

Other than convenience, it is difficult to see what would be gained by eliminating the federal government's responsibility to the people who welcomed white adventurers to this continent.

Unfortunately, the Indian is at a disadvantage when it comes to competing in the United States. Indians are still reeling from the fraud and gross negligence the state ignored earlier this century, when allotted lands were confiscated and non-English speaking Indians were declared insane.

Cooperation is too much to ask from a populace that is envious and resentful of Indian enterprises. Is tolerance?

Thanks

I would like to thank the Creek Nation Rodeo Committee and Donna Rhodes for all their extra time and attention that made it possible for me to (represent Creek Nation) at the Crow Fair in Crow Agency, Mont. I would like to make another special thank you to the Real Bird family (in Crow Agency) who made us welcome.

Brandy Tiger, Oktaha.

Correction

Martha Squire, Coweta Indian Community chairperson, said quotes attributed to her concerning the center's July 4 hog fry were not hers. She said the information about the community's monthly events were accurate, but she did not recall talking to *The Muscogee Nation News'* community affairs writer about the hog fry or any scheduled activities.

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Photo by Elliot Barnett
Pre-schoolers in swings filled playground skies in August. Creek Nation's five head starts -- in Okemah, Yeager, Eufaula, Okmulgee and Sapulpa -- began the school year recently.

In Brief

Housing may get new units

OKMULGEE -- The Housing Authority of the Creek Nation approved two resolutions that could lead to the acquisition of additional units at its August meeting.

The resolutions authorize executive director Sam Whitlow or his designate to submit an application for 20 units under the acquisition program and to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Authority also approved resolutions to select contractors for the Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program for units in Okemah and Eufaula.

In other business, the Authority approved a sublease for Stanley Smith in Muskogee County.

The next meeting of the Housing Authority will be Sept. 11 at the CNHA Administration Building, Okmulgee.

Health board meets Sept. 25

OKMULGEE -- The Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board will meet 6 p.m. Sept. 25 in the Mound Auditorium at the Tribal Capitol Complex here. No agenda had been set at of Sept. 4.

AIDS conference Nov. 28-29

TULSA -- The first Native American HIV/AIDS Conference, titled "Our Future Now," will be Nov. 28-29 at the Westin Hotel. Send inquiries to: Native American HIV/AIDS Conference, P.O. Box 2005, Sapulpa, OK 74067 or call Kellie Blevins at (918) 582-7225.

BIA renews grants to center

TULSA -- Thanks to a renewed grant, eligible Indian families in Tulsa once again can receive of Indian Child Welfare services at the Indian Health Care Resource Center, 915 S. Cincinnati. A \$126,286 Bureau of Indian Affairs grant provides child court advocacy dealing with cases of abuse and neglect, parenting skills classes and transportation. Also awarded are two mental health grants: \$22,695 from the Oklahoma State Department of Mental Health and \$95,312 from Indian Health Service

Council turns in busy month

Children and Family Services additional funding approved

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) National Council approved three bills allowing the Children and Family Services department to apply for additional funding.

The bills were approved at the Council's August regular session.

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thorizes the department to apply for additional funding from programs listed in the Federal Register. Before applying for funds, an authorization from the tribe must be in place. NCA 90-72 satisfies that requirement.

NCA 90-73 authorizes the department to apply for funds from Indian Health Service for "at-risk" Indian youth with regard to substance abuse.

NCA 90-78 authorizes \$16,546 to meet a matching grant requirement for continuation of the Title IV-B, children's services programs.

The money is contingent upon approval of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The Council also confirmed Tim Harper as the tribe's gaming and taxation commissioner for a three-year term.

Harper was confirmed as commissioner in September 1989 after the death of then commissioner Bill Foster.

In other legislation, the Council:

-- Approved a bill that makes \$11.2 million available for Fiscal Year 1991. Creek District Rep. Ed Frye, author of the legislation, said the ordinance provides tribal officials funding for programs and services. If the bill is enacted detail budgets from each department will have to be developed. The \$11.2 million represents Fiscal Year 1990 funding levels and will leave a surplus of \$2 million.

The bill will be submitted to the Principal Chief for consideration.

-- Approved a bill that adopted the community development and budget standards act. The bill establishes policies and procedures that must be met by Creek Nation chartered communities before receiving bingo revenues.

-- Approved a bill, authorizing \$4,631.98 to complete the Snake Indian Baptist Church water and sewer project. The church had made payments to Chris Tiger and Richard Morgan to complete restroom facilities on the church property. Both men failed to complete the project and

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Yuchi group to meet with confederacy

OKEMAH -- A delegation from the Yuchi Tribal Town Organization will discuss its efforts to obtain federal recognition at the Mvskoke Etlvwa Etelaketa's monthly meeting Sept. 8.

The meeting of the Tribal Town Confederacy will be at 10 a.m. at the Tribal Town Center, 118 W. Elm Street.

Dr. John Moore, the organization's consultant, said a special announcement will be made by Dr. Sharol Jacobson, University of Oklahoma College of Nursing.

Joe Smith, organization vice-chairperson and

Proposal with Keetoowahs about track irks Cherokees

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- Representatives of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians and owners of Will Rogers Downs met with the Muscogee (Creek) National Council to discuss the possibility of a joint venture to operate pari-mutuel dog racing and bingo.

No formal commitments were made by the Council, but a resolution was passed authorizing Principal Chief Claude A. Cox to begin negotiations with the Keetoowahs.

Will Rogers Downs, Inc. is seeking to reorganize in U.S. Federal Bankruptcy Court. Bill Poulos, owner of Will Rogers Downs, said up to \$7 million for financing a pari-mutuel dog racing, video gaming and bingo could be arranged if the Creek Nation would enter an agreement with the Keetoowahs to manage the gaming facility.

The arrangement would mean a 50-50

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IHS official briefs councilors on claim against Creek Nation

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- An Indian Health Service official who contends the Muscogee (Creek) Nation misappropriated \$3.1 million in federal funds met with the National Council in executive session.

The Aug. 13 meeting was closed to tribal citizens and media representatives. NCA 88-89 allows closed meetings if discussion concerns knowledge that would have an adverse effect upon the finances of tribal government.

Steven Fast Wolf, contracting officer with the Oklahoma City Area IHS office, and Luke McIntosh, contracting manager in the same office, attended the closed meeting at the request of Ken Childers, speaker of the Council.

Shelly Crow and Abe McIntosh, representing the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board attended the 2 1/2-hour meeting. Tribal administration officials did not attend.

Principal Chief Claude Cox said he was not invited to the meeting.

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Okfuskee Tribal Town representative, will give a report over the alternative enumeration conducted by the organization for the Bureau of the Census.

Moore also will give a report on his American Diabetes Association-funded diabetes research project.

Plans for the Muscogee language class as well as a proposal for meeting with the Creek Freedmen will be discussed.

One of the last items on the agenda will be the organization's selection of an open house date for the newly-built Tribal Town Center.

Eufaula mayor accepts role as Chief Justice

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- Eufaula mayor Joe Johnson considers himself an activist.

That's why he's looking forward to serving as Chief Justice of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court. "I plan on taking an active role in my position to try and create some (governmental) unity," Johnson said.



Johnson, 40, replaces Mike Flud, who stepped down after three years as Chief Justice.

Johnson was appointed to the tribe's high court for a six-year term in 1987. His term as

Chief Justice is for one year.

As Chief Justice, Johnson will be responsible for the administration of the tribe's judicial branch of government as well as conducting Supreme Court staff meetings.

At 24, Johnson became the youngest mayor in Oklahoma. He has held Eufaula's highest position for 16 years. Johnson is president of the Eastern Oklahoma State College Alumni Association.

National Council speaker Ken Childers said Johnson has "big shoes to fill," but added that "I have confidence that Joe Johnson will do a good job as Chief Justice."

Johnson said two issues need immediate attention:

- completing and implementing the codification of tribal criminal and civil codes and,
- filling the vacancies on the Supreme Court.

"A lot of the bickering between the legislative and executive branches is because we have a relatively new Constitution and so many things haven't had an interpretation," he said.

Educating people about the Constitution would help eliminate some of the political conflicts the

Former judicial head wants a full court seated

OKMULGEE -- Mike Flud, who stepped down as Chief Justice of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court, considers the tribe's most pressing issue is to seat a full court.

The Supreme Court has only four confirmed justices with Eliot Howe sitting on the bench without National Council confirmation.

The Constitution calls for six justices.

"I think it is imperative that we get a full court," Flud said. "We're supposed to have (a full court) but there is a fuss between the (executive and legislative) branches of government."

"Not everyone is going to agree with our decisions but that's the way we see the Constitution," Flud said. "All of our decisions but one have been unanimous."

Flud, citing professional obligations, has



stepped down as Chief Justice of the tribal Supreme Court, but will remain as a justice.

Flud, appointed to the Court in 1981, has been Chief Justice since 1986. His six-year term expires in 1992. Justice Joe Johnson of Eufaula has assumed the responsibilities as Chief Justice.

Flud is athletic director and guidance counselor for Morris High School. He replaced former justice Wilma Berryhill as Chief Justice.

"I've had my turn," Flud said. "I'm so busy and there are so many day-to-day items that have to be taken care of. I'm sure Joe can do the job."

National Council Speaker Ken Childers said Flud did an excellent job as Chief Justice. "I've always been pleased with his efforts," Childers said.

Principal Chief Claude Cox said he had no comment on Flud's decision to step down.

Flud said Creek Nation needs to unify its efforts for progress.

"Sometimes the branches keep score (with court decisions)," Flud said. "I'd like to see the two branches stop fussing, get together and go forward."

tribe now has, he said.

"A lot of the problem is (a lack of) education, interpretation and accepting the fact that we have a Constitution," Johnson said. "If everyone would follow the Constitution, we'd have no (internal) problems."

Filling the six seats on the Supreme Court has become imperative with several significant cases, including the tribe's suit against the former managers of the Tulsa Creek Nation Bingo hall, pending.

Presently, the Court has only four members approved by the National Council with Justice Eliot Howe sitting on the bench without Council approval.

Principal Chief Claude Cox has nominated Hartshorne attorney Richard Lerblance for the sixth spot on the Court, a move Johnson approves.

Cox also wants Howe Council-confirmed.

"(The Court) sent a letter to all the National Council members urging support for Chief's nomination," Johnson said.

Should the Council approve the nominations, Johnson said the Court will benefit with the opinions of two attorneys available.

"Its good to have disagreement," Johnson

said. "It gives us other areas of thought to consider that we might not have otherwise."

While an attorney's perspective is helpful when making decisions, Johnson said a law degree is not necessary for all of the Court.

"When deciding an issue, I look at past cases and at federal and state law to see if they apply," Johnson said. "The main thing is common sense."

"You don't have to be an attorney or a genius to read the Constitution."

Johnson also would like to have Indian Child Welfare cases returned to the tribe's district court. Presently, the cases are handled in state court as a result of an executive order.

"When these cases go to state court, Indian children don't always get placed in Indian homes," Johnson said.

The cases should be returned because relinquishing jurisdiction weakens tribal sovereignty, Johnson said.

Though Johnson is not without ideas, he said he is aware that the Court and the tribe are much more important than any one person.

"Whatever the decision of the Court is, it's going to be right whether I agree with it or not," Johnson said. "My observation is that any decision made is going to be without prejudice."

Tribal court clerk to lead national organization

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Lane Morgan, court clerk for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, has been elected president and chairman of the board of directors for the National American Indian Court Clerks Association.

Morgan will be recognized at a luncheon in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Indian advocacy group Arrow.

While in the nation's capital, Morgan will attend a training seminar concerning Supreme Court Decisions and legislation affecting tribal courts.

Morgan has been tribal court clerk since 1985.

Tribal District Court action

August civil cases

CV 90-05 Plaintiff, Frank Kamp, et al, vs. Claude Cox, defendant

Plaintiff filed a petition seeking a writ of mandamus compelling Principal Chief to comply with NCA 89-116, an ordinance authorizing payment for repairs to the Eufaula Indian Community Center.

CV 90-08 Plaintiffs, Thomas Berryhill, Mose Cahwee, Irene Cleghorn, Clarence Cloud, Bill Fife, Ed Frye, Frank Kamp, Harley Little, Sandy McIntosh, Tommy Newton, Tommy Pickering, Donna Rhodes, Thomas Yahola and Kenneth Childers v Claude Cox, defendant

Plaintiffs seek a writ of mandamus compelling the Principal Chief to comply with NCA 89-116.

District Court judge Patrick Moore ordered a joinder for CV 90-05 and CV 90-08 and further

ordered that the funds appropriated for NCA 89-116 be held as encumbered.

Set Sept. 17 for the Chief to file briefs and motions. Set Sept. 20 for Kamp to file response. Set hearing date for Sept. 21.

CV 90-06 Frank Kamp, et al, plaintiffs vs. Claude Cox, defendant

Plaintiff seeks a writ of mandamus compelling the Principal Chief to release information about the Creek Nation Foundation and the Creek Nation Development and Construction Corp., including copies of all contracts, lists of real property, bidding procedures, all financial transactions, etc.

Judge Moore, granted an extension to Sept. 17 for Principal Chief to file answer and briefs.

Granted Kamp to Oct. 8 to file response. Set hearing for Oct. 10.

Court records are available for public inspection at the judicial office, Tribal Capitol Complex.

Hanna letter seeks probe of official

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

A resolution for a \$3,200 settlement to the Hanna Indian Community has been sent back to a Muscogee (Creek) National Council committee.

But according to an open letter written in behalf of the community, someone needs to investigate the way tribal officials negotiate contracts.

In a letter to *The Muscogee Nation News*, community officials accuse Buddy York, director of tribal affairs, and Five Star Roofing Co. of Muskogee of working "as a team to abuse" them.

A spokesman for the community said the letter requesting the investigation has been sent to no other tribal department.

Deborah Noyes, community secretary, wrote in the letter that the building specifications drawn up were vague thus allowing Five Star owner Gary Clay to "use the cheapest and least efficient materials at his disposal."

York said Creek Nation has contracted work to Five Star on two occasions. He said he must follow federal guidelines when selecting a contractor. These guidelines include advertising the job in a newspaper, *bidding the job out and selecting the lowest bidder.*

"Clay just happened to get the job this time," York said. He also said the Hanna center contract was the first time he has worked with Clay.

York attributed many of the centers problems to the specifications which he said were drawn up by McIntosh District Rep. Tommy Newton.

"I'd rather we get professional people to write up these specs than people who think they know how to write them and don't," he said.

He said he didn't change the specifications because he didn't want the community to think he was trying to "tell them what they wanted. If I hadn't followed the specs they would have been mad, too," he said.

Newton said the tribe has no qualified inspectors and that past projects by York, particularly in Eufaula, have been inadequate.

"If he wants to talk about professionalism he



Two youngsters enjoy the water slide at the Eufaula Indian Community's annual welcome-back-to-school party in mid-August.

In Brief

Okemah to host powwow

OKEMAH -- A benefit powwow and arts and crafts market to raise funds for Okemah Indian students will be Sept. 29 at the Okemah National Guard Armory.

Powwow gourd dancing will begin at 2 p.m. with supper to be served at 5 p.m. The evening program will resume at 6:30 p.m. with more gourd dancing and war dancing at 8 p.m.

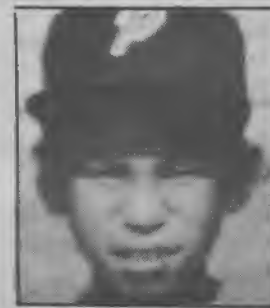
The program is sponsored by Valeria Littlecreek. The powwow head staff includes:

- emcee, Jo Jo Lane of Anadarko;
- head singer, Rusty Cozad of Anadarko;
- head fancy dancer, George Alexander of Ponca City;
- head traditional dancer, Clarence Yarholer of Norman;
- head gourd dancer, Andy Foster of Oklahoma City;
- head lady dancer, Karen Harjo of Oklahoma City;
- head boy dancer, Cortney Yarholer of Norman;
- head girl dancer, Ada Littlecreek of Okemah;
- guest drum, Redland Singers.

The arts and crafts market, sponsored by Barbara Klutts, opens at noon.

Monetary donations and raffle items will be accepted. No alcohol will be allowed.

Information: Call Barbara Klutts at (918) 623-0341.



Cody Bible/Sarah Jean Micco

PRESTON -- Cody Bible, Creek-Kiowa, and Sarah Jean Micco, Creek-Seminole, celebrated their ninth birthdays Aug. 17 at the home of their grandmother, Norma J. Bible. Cody, born Aug. 10, 1981, is the son of Dale and Sandra (Thorpe) Bible of Shawnee and Deann Poafpybitty of Oklahoma City. Maternal grandmother is M.A. Anquoe of Tulsa. Sarah Jean, born Aug. 17, 1981, is the daughter of Wayne Micco of Oklahoma City and Teresa Bible of Preston. Paternal grandmother is Sarah Micco Winney of Weleetka.

Eli Mekko Postoak

WEWOKA -- Eli Mekko Postoak of Wewoka celebrated his third birthday at Winter-Smith Park in Ada. He is the son of Paul Dean Postoak and Rickey Carol Postoak of Wewoka.



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Glenpool sets up emergency assistance for needy members

GLENPOOL -- Glenpool Indian Community has set up an office at the Sapulpa Indian Clinic to offer emergency assistance to its members.

The community received a \$9,585 appropriation from the Muscogee (Creek) National Council to fund its program.

In order to receive assistance a person must live in the boundaries of north 101st Street to south 181st Street and west of 33rd West Avenue to east Wagoner County or Duck Creek.

According to the Creek Nation Citizenship Board, 484 enrolled Creeks have Glenpool addresses.

Cheri Haney, intake clerk for emergency assistance, said any assistance for utilities, rent, medical supplies and food may not exceed \$100 per household.

Other categories: a \$25 supplement which applies to transportation for those in school and for special circumstances such as school clothing for children.

Upon applying an individual must present a certificate degree of Indian blood (CDIB) card, and a Muscogee Nation citizenship card and income verification (check stubs).

Depending upon what type of assistance an individual is seeking he/she must bring proof of need for that type of emergency assistance. This may be in the form of a prescription, utility cutoff notice, eviction notice, or "notice to quit from the Housing Authority," Haney said.

Those requesting clothing for their school children must bring a letter, written by their child's

school principal or counselor, stating that the child is in need of clothing.

Checks will be made out to pharmacies, landlords, utility companies and clothing stores upon the community board's approval.

The community's office for emergency assistance will be set up in the Sapulpa Indian Community's Conference Room until the community moves into its new center.

The deadline for applying for emergency assistance is Oct. 1 or until funding is exhausted.

Pauline Haney, community treasurer, said the community plans to move into its center before the end of September.

So far, the tribe only has appropriated earnest money toward the purchase of the center.

Donations by Okmulgee aid 'Manna Day'

OKMULGEE -- The Okmulgee Indian Community's recent donation attributed to the success of the Okmulgee Ministerial Alliance's Manna Day.

The \$300 the community donated went toward the provision of free haircuts, clothing and school supplies to children in the area.

Now that the community has remodeled the exterior of their building, it may possibly remodel the inside, said Matt Tiger, community chairperson. Some procedures of the job will include replacing the tiles as well as paneling.

Helping out smokeshop manager Sidney Long will be new part-time smokeshop employees Terry Jones and Carolyn Thomas, Tiger said.

Dewar

DEWAR -- Dewar Indian Community will not discontinue its elderly nutrition program, said George Hicks, community chairperson.

Hicks said last month a community meeting would determine if the center's elderly nutrition program would be discontinued. He cited the retirement of the community cook and the lack of senior citizens eating at the center as reasons for probable discontinuation.

Emma Bruner, elderly nutrition program supervisor, said Hicks does not have the authority to discontinue the program.

-- The community is awaiting a resolution by the National Council that would allow it to open a smokeshop.

Duck Creek

DUCK CREEK -- Duck Creek Indian Community will have a food booth Sept. 21-22 at the third annual Oklahoma Indian Art Market in Okmulgee. The community will have a selection of foods from sofke and fried bread to hamburgers and hotdogs.

Checotah

CHECOTAH -- A girls team, sponsored by the Checotah Indian Community, went undefeated in the Green Country Girls Softball Association in Muskogee this summer.

The Checotah Indians finished the season 18-0, best in the GCGSA. They competed in under 10, division II.

The girls, also known as the "Big Blue Wrecking Crew," were coached by Sam Harper, Don Whisenhunt, Shawnee Harper and Chum Harper.

The Checotah Indian A's, a boys team also sponsored by the community, won second place in the Midget II division of the Muskogee Knothole Association. They are coached by Jim Brown and have a 12-3-1 record.

Hanna

HANNA -- Hanna Indian Community will host a turkey shoot on Sept. 15 at the community center. The shoot will begin at 10 a.m. at \$1 per shoot. Twenty to 30 shoots will be held at 10 to 12 people per shoot.

The community had a successful softball tournament last month with eight teams participating, Kizzie Harjo, community treasurer, said.



Muscogee elders have worked with Council House Museum curator Tommy Steinsiek in identifying old photos.

Elders identifying photos at Council House museum

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

OKMULGEE -- Creek Council House Museum curator Tommy Steinsiek said she realizes the valuable knowledge Muskogee (Creek) elders possess.

So she put them to work.

In early August, utilized them to identify people in the museum's photograph collection. The museum has a large photo collection, but it holds no historical value without information, Steinsiek said.

In her attempts to catalog the collection she decided her most important and valuable source of information would be Muskogee elders. Among them: the Rev. Wille Gooden, Mary Culbert Gooden, Helen Gibson, Elaine Anderson and Charlie and Jorene Coker.

Steinsiek didn't act on her idea until she saw Mrs. Coker walking by the Council House and literally "grabbed her off the street." After Steinsiek requested her assistance, Mrs. Coker contacted elders, all but one originally,

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The community will hold silversmith classes at \$15 per person. Classes begin Sept. 17 and will be Mondays and Tuesdays for four weeks.

Holdenville

HOLDENVILLE -- Holdenville Indian Community honored the community's school age children with a back to school cookout.

Lona Mae Scott, community reporter, said there was a large attendance at the cookout and attributed its success to Abby Larney, community activity coordinator. Scott also stressed the importance of the Holdenville Indian Community supporting the center by participating in community meetings and functions.

Fred Lowe, community chairperson, said the community is working toward obtaining a van. The van will be used to

deliver meals to senior citizens too ill to eat at the center.

Yardeka

YARDEKA -- In an effort to raise money for its

program as well as encourage youth participation, Yardeka Indian Community youth are planning a dance and volleyball tournament this month.

The dance will begin at 7 p.m., Sept. 8 at the community center. Admission is \$2.

Kellyville

KELLYVILLE -- Kellyville Indian Community will have a birthday celebration and family reunion in honor of Lola Fulsom Hardridge and Annie Fulsom on Oct. 6.

All family and friends are invited to attend the celebration in honor of the sisters, Shirley Brown, community chairperson, said.

The celebration and reunion will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The dinner will be potluck and games such as horseshoes, volleyball, dominoes and cards will be played.

The first anniversary of the smokeshop was celebrated last month with the giving away of chili dogs and drinks. Brown estimated 85 to 90 customers attended.

Okemah

OKEMAH -- Okemah Indian Community will host a gospel singing Oct. 6. The singing will begin at 7 p.m. with Billy Joe Harjo as emcee. Luther Johnson, community chairperson, said all groups are welcome.

The first of the community's bi-monthly flea markets will be Sept. 15-16 and the second Sept. 29-30. Johnson said the flea market has increased its number of booths from an initial seven to 21. Outdoor booths are free and booths inside the air-conditioned center may be rented for \$2.50 per day. For more information call Johnson at (918)-623-2519.

The community will hold its monthly bingo game at 7 p.m., Sept. 8. One pack of 20 games will be sold at \$5. Sacks of groceries will be given away as prizes. The payout on two blackout games will be \$15 each. The monthly community bingo game is on the second Saturday of every month.

Tulsa

TULSA -- Tulsa Indian Community director Carol Nunley said the community's August garage sale was a success.

Nunley said she would like to thank all volunteers and contributors. Profits from the garage sale will help fund the community's Christmas party.

Wilson

WILSON -- A potluck dinner will be noon, Sept. 8, for all Wilson Indian Community members. Lucille Bear, community secretary, said she hopes the dinner will solicit new community memberships.

Wetumka

WETUMKA -- An Oklahoma Indian Legal Services attorney recently informed Wetumka elders about the services they offer.

Among services are housing and Indian health care issues, Indian child welfare, natural resources (land problems), and the writing of wills.

Francis Tiger, the elders' nutrition program cook, said the support attorney specified that OILS does not handle criminal or divorce cases. She added that income guidelines must be met in order to receive services.

The community had 19 teams participating in its Sucker Day Volleyball Tournament, Tiger said.

Ceremonial dancers heading to Ocmulgee National Monument

Tallahassee, Kellyville and Duck Creek ceremonial ground dancers will participate in the Ocmulgee National Monument's Take Pride in America Creek Indian Celebration scheduled Sept. 14-16.

The Ocmulgee National Monument is in Macon, Ga.

The celebration is promoted as a way of informing the public of the past and present lifestyles of Georgia's Indians.

The event is planned in conjunction with the monument's celebration and Macon's Southern Jubilee.

Other participants in the celebration:

-- Constance Palmer and Mary Nell Bailey, Creek/Cherokee sisters and pine needle basket-makers from Florida;

-- Dan Townsend, Creek shell engraver;

-- Peggy Howard, Creek/Cherokee honeysuckle basketmaker;

-- Jackie Singerhoff, Cherokee beadworker;

-- Mary Johns, Seminole patchwork dollmaker;

-- Scott Jones, tool and weapons demonstrator;

-- and Larry and Tammy Beane, flintknapping and coiled pottery.

Support groups meet Tuesdays

OKMULGEE -- Support groups for Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon will offer meetings at 8 p.m. Tuesday nights in the old Oakdale School, south of here on U.S. 75. The school is next door to the Viet Nam Veterans Smokeshop.



Oklahoma Eucheas, Creeks and Shawnees who participated in the Southeastern Indian Cultural Festival include: (front row) Tema Tiger, Evelyn Bucktrot, Gail Yargee, Sharon ``Spud'' Jones, Amy Yargee, Ester Yargee, Patsy Longhorn, Lee Longhorn and Hazel Tiger; (back row) Kendall Roberts, Mike Bucktrot, Lester Bucktrot, Dwight Bucktrot, Gary Bucktrot, Arlin Bucktrot, Sonny Bucktrot and Darrell Longhorn.

Creeks participate in Georgia culture festival

ALBANY, Ga. -- A group of Oklahoma Eucheas, Creeks and Shawnee Indians participated in the Southeastern Indian Cultural Festival during the summer.

The festival was an exhibition of Native American art, crafts and games from many tribes.

``The people of Georgia were thrilled to see the old traditional dances of the stomp dance, Guinea dance and others," said Hazel Tiger, who represented tribal town Sand Creek at the festival.

Tema Tiger, a Creek-Seminole, led a group of 20 dancers from Sand Creek and Fishpond tribal towns in performances of stomp dances and special dances and games of stick ball.

Tiger also was invited to demonstrate the art of ball-stick making and made a speech in Creek to festival-goers.

Sharon ``Spud'' Jones, first runnerup in Creek Nation Princess contest, was formally acknowledged during the festivities.

In Brief



Brandy Tiger carries the Muscogee (Creek) Nation flag at the Crow Fair in Grow Agency,...

Rodeo queen rides at Crow Fair

CROW AGENCY, Mont. -- Brady Tiger represented the Muscogee (Creek) Nation at the Crow Fair here recently. Tiger, of Oktaha, Okla., has reigned as Creek Nation Rodeo Committee queen for the past two years.

Holdenville youth in program

MACKINAW CITY, Mich. --

Zachariah Anderson of Holdenville, Okla., participated in the 1990 Headlands Indian Health Careers Program held here June 15- Aug. 10. Anderson gave a 20-minute presentation on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation at the conference. His presentation dealt with historical perspectives as well as the present-day status of the Creek Nation. At the conference, Anderson received training assistance in developing his presentation as well as public speaking techniques.

The festival was an exhibition of Native American art, crafts and games from many tribes.

Creek eighth grader excels

CARROLLTON, Texas -- Jamie Burley, an eighth grader at Dan F. Long Junior High School, was elected to the National Junior Honor Society of Secondary Schools. Membership is based on scholarship, leadership, service, character and citizenship. Burley was on the honor roll



in seventh grade. She plays flue in the symphonic band and also plays the piano. She is the daughter of Jim and Hattie Burley of Carrollton and the granddaughter of Norman ``Shine'' Miller and the late Anna Miller of Mounds.

Program graduates get jobs

OKMULGEE -- Six former Creek Nation Employment and Training Program graduates have secured jobs. They include:

-- Sonja July, Checotah, graduate of Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee, associate degree in Computer Information Processing, employed at Creek Forrest Apartments in Okmulgee as manager;

-- Wilma Francis, Okmulgee, Licensed Practicing Nurse graduate of Indian Capital Area Vo-Tech of Muskogee, employed at Rebold Manor Nursing Home in Okmulgee.

-- Angelina Williams, Oktaha, LPN graduate (valedictorian) of Indian Capital Area Vo-Tech, employed at Lakeview Community Hospital in Eufaula;

-- Cynthia Christianson, Tulsa, medical assistant graduate of Bryan Institute of Tulsa, employed at Hillcrest Occupational Medicine Services in Tulsa;

-- Josephine Anderson, Wetumka, LPN graduate of Wes Watkins Vo-Tech of Wetumka, employed at Wetumka Nursing Home;

-- Jense Jimboy, Holdenville, LPN graduate of Wes Watkins Vo-Tech, employed at Holdenville Nursing Home.

The Employment and Training Administration assists persons in receiving training for various technical fields of study.

Legislative Overview

How They Voted	NCA 90-72 A bill authorizing the Children and Family Services Department to apply for federal funding. Passed: 24 yes, 0 no.	NCA 90-73 A bill authorizing the C&FS Department to apply for Indian Health Service funds for a youth alcohol and substance abuse program. Passed 23 yes, 0 no.	NCA 90-78 A bill authorizing tribal funds to be used for a matching requirement for the C&FS Department. Passed: 24 yes, 0 no.	NCA 90-70 A bill establishing the position of the Creek Nation for a clean safe environment. Passed: 24 yes, 0 no.	NCA 90-71 A bill authorizing the Creek Nation to apply for federal funding for a youth alcohol and substance abuse program. Passed: 24 yes, 0 no.
George Almerigi, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Richard Berryhill, Wagoner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Larry Bible, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Eugene Birdcreek, Okfuskee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Johnson Buck, Hughes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Robert Buck, Hughes	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Mose Cahwee, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ken Childers, Tulsa	Did not vote	Did not vote	Did not vote	Did not vote	
Helen Chupco, Muskogee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Clarence Cloud, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Helen Duncan, Wagoner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bill Fife, Okfuskee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ed Frye, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Tony Hale, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Mae Jackson, Okfuskee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Clyde Johnson, Okfuskee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Frank Kamp, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Charlie Litsey, Okmulgee	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes	
Harley Little, Muskogee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tommy Newton, McIntosh	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Tom Pickering, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Donna Rhodes, Tulsa	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Earl Wheeler, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Jerry Wilson, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Thomas Yahola, Hughes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

NCA 90-13 Bill establishing community development budget standards. Passed: 24 yes, 0 no.	NCA 90-79 A bill authorizing an easement and right- of-way on tribal property. Passed: 24 yes, 0 no.	NCA 90-74 A bill appointing Tim Harper Gaming Commissioner for three years. Passed: 24 yes, 0 no.	NCA 90-46 An amendment to the attorney con- tract with Marvin Stepson. Passed: 21 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.	NCA 90-86 A bill establishing the funding levels for the Fiscal Year 1991 comprehen- sive budget. Passed: 16 yes, 6 no.	NCA 90-85 A bill appropriating \$4,631.98 to the Snake Creek Indian Baptist Church. Passed: 20 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions.
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Art, dancing to benefit Council House

OKMULGEE -- The Oklahoma Indian Art Market/Inter-Tribal Powwow, which benefits the Creek Council House Museum, will be Sept. 21-22.

The third annual event features a juried arts and crafts competition, a Little Mr. and Miss Oklahoma Indian Art Market and powwow dance competition.

"Our mission is to not only find financial assistance to further promote or help the museum but to allow others a setting to promote Creek and Native American culture history and traditions," said Tommy Steinsiek, Council House curator.

Winning pieces from the art show will be on display from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday in the Creek Council House Museum House of Warriors. Announcement of winners will be at 1 p.m.

Also scheduled: a bow-and-arrow shoot for children kindergarten through third grade and a poster contest.

The Grupo Tlaloc Danzantes Aztecas, a traditional Azteca-Mexica dance group comprised of adults and children from Denver, Colo., also will perform. The group is dedicated to preserving the indigenous dances of their ancestors.

No admission will be charged. A powwow grand entry will be at 7 p.m., each night.

Powwow dance competition will be in men, women and junior (ages 7 to 15) divisions. A tiny tots non-competitive division also will be available.

Prize awards of \$100 will be given to first, \$75 for second and \$50 for third in the men's and women's division. In the junior division, a boys or girls winner collects \$25.

Men dancers must register Sept. 21-22. Women dancers should register Sept. 21 only.

Head staff includes: Jennifer Alley (Osage, Pawnee, North Cheyenne, Otoe/Iowa) as head lady dancer; and Rusty Tiger (Yuchi/Pawnee), head man dancer. Host drum will be the Redland Singers and host gourd clan will be the Osage Gourd Clan. Arena director will be Perry Annko.

The Tulsa Zoo will bring animals typical of Creek legends and myth and a Creek storyteller.

Information: (arts and crafts), Steinsiek at (918) 756-2324; (Little Mr. and Miss Oklahoma Indian Art Market), contact Wade Hall at (918) 756-5810 or Dorothy Burden at (405) 786-2406; and (powwow) contact, Pat Kelly (918) 299-5841.

The event is sponsored by the Creek Indian Memorial Association of Okmulgee. Corporate sponsors include Pepsi, Green Country, Okmulgee Main Street, Brittany Inn and KOKL radio. The Art Market is an Oklahoma Homecoming '90 event.

Kansas art show opens Sept. 15

LAWRENCE, Kan. -- Some of the finest work by Native American artists will be on sale Sept. 15 through Nov. 4 at the second annual Lawrence Indian Arts Show. The juried competition and sale at the anthropology museum will feature two- and three- dimensional art including paintings, drawings, sculpture, jewelry, beadwork, quillwork and dolls. Included will be a retrospective exhibit of the works of Woody Crumbo, Creek- Potawatomi artist, at Haskell Junior College, with a talk by Crumbo's daughter Miisa Crumbo.



Photo by Jo Newman

Tommy Steinsiek, Creek Nation Council House Museum curator, listens intently as John McMahon explains the significance of the historic treaty between a Creek chief and the early British government, and the King George Peace Medal (framed on the table before them) he recently presented to the museum.

Peace medal, treaty new at museum

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

OKMULGEE -- A 225-year-old peace treaty and medal are the latest additions to the Creek Council House Museum collection.

Prior to colonization, peace medals were given to Native Americans by caucasions as a promotion of peace, said Tommy Steinsiek, Council House Museum curator.

The June 17, 1765, treaty of peace was made between Sir William Johnson, superintendent of Indian Affairs, and a Muscogee Chief named Ahoya, also called the Cowkeeper of Latchonay.

The events that led to the treaty are vague, but according to the book "Indian Boundary in the Southern Colonies, 1763- 1775" a meeting took place between Johnson and Ahoya at St. Augustine, Fla., in 1764.

It is assumed that the treaty was a confirmation of Ahoya and his band of 130 gunmen's loyalty to the British Crown.

In turn Ahoya received the English medal as a token of loyalty.

The donator of the treaty and medal, John McMahon of McLoud, came into possession of it six months ago. Unaware of its value and importance the previous owner had kept it in a barn for 10 years, McMahon said.

He said the age of the treaty's parchment paper has been authenticated by the curator of the Museum of the Great Plains in Lawton.

Before giving the treaty and medal to the Council House the artifact collector had donated it to Fort Sill along with 23 other peace medals. But after finding out the Creek history of the treaty he felt it belonged in a Creek museum.

McMahon's friend Richard Casey, Muscogee silversmith, made him aware of the Council House.

"I felt that it rightly belonged here," McMahon said.

Steinsiek said until the Council House undergoes restoration the treaty and medal will be kept in a vault at Citizens Bank of Okmulgee.

She said since the year-long restoration process will not begin until six to eight months from now the treaty and medal will not be on display until at least two years from now.

Artifacts

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Eufaula Mound in east central Oklahoma, six miles from Eufaula, from May to August in 1940. It's not known yet whether the artifacts were made by Creek people.

The excavation of the mound was conducted by Dr. F.E. Clements of OU along with 14 WPA laborers sponsored by the CIMA.

Many scholars believed the mound's artifacts to have disappeared or been lost prior to Wyckoff discovering the Council House had possession of them.

"At this point what they have done is simply

identify that these are Eufaula Mound objects," Steinsiek said.

Wyckoff, along with Jack Schultz, OU anthropology graduate student, will conduct research to determine the dates of the artifacts and what they were used for.

As a reference Wyckoff is using the master's thesis of Kenneth Orr, University of Chicago archeology student, which was written in 1942. Orr's thesis documents the similarities between the Eufaula Mound objects and artifacts found in the Spiro Mounds, southeast of Spiro, Oklahoma.

New publication aids young Indian entrepreneurs

OKMULGEE -- A new booklet to help young Native Americans learn the values of entrepreneurship is being issued statewide by the Minority Business Enterprise Development Program at Oklahoma State University/Okmulgee.

Entitled "Making Money -- Opportunities in Native American Entrepreneurships/Profiles of Successful Indian Business Owners," the booklet focuses upon career awareness and preparation. It also highlights development of minority entrepreneurial projects, said Jerry Wilson, project director.

The booklet profiles 10 Native American business people in Oklahoma who chose to become entrepreneurs. Two profiles highlight successes in the construction industry, one in manufacturing, three in retail and four in the service sector.

Each business owner discusses obstacles they faced when starting their business, advantages and disadvantages of small business ownership and personal characteristics they believed help make them become successful.

Native Americans and other minorities historically are not exposed to traditional business development process primarily because of their cultures, Wilson said.

"We hope this booklet will open the eyes of many Native American youth to the career possibilities that abound in entrepreneurship," he said.

Wilson, a Tulsa District representative for the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, said the profiles will provide outstanding role models for career planning.

The booklet is available by writing Jerry Wilson, Minority Business Enterprise Project, Oklahoma State University, 1801 E. Fourth St., Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Business In Brief

Congressmen: Grants available

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Oklahoma Indian Business Development Center (OIBDC) will receive a \$167,580 grant for a business development center in Tulsa, U.S. Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., announced.

The grant, issued by the Minority Business Development Agency, an affiliate of the U.S. Department of Commerce, will be used to provide business and development services to Native American firms and individuals interested in entering and expanding their efforts in the market place.

Last year, the OIBDC offered 7,943 hours of management and technical assistance valued at \$313,375 at no cost to its clients.

"The Indian business community is a multi-billion dollar industry in Oklahoma," Boren said. "The Business Center's commitment to the improvement of the Oklahoma Indian business community is important for the future economic development of the state."

MNN deadline:
Sept. 21, 5 p.m.



Curtis Kinney leads the youth class during a morning session at the Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Indian Baptist Association annual meeting in August.

Women's missionary director outlines goals for M-S-W Baptists

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

YARDEKA -- Naomi Bear has been selected as the new director of the Women's Missionary Union of the Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Baptist Association.

Bear replaces Helen Coon, who resigned.

Bear, a member of Topofka Baptist Church near Calvin, has been WMU secretary for 12 years and says the experience will help her make the transition to director easier.

Among her objectives:

- re-establishing the role of women in churches,
- encouraging young adults to become active in churches and
- visiting as many of the associational churches as possible.

"I think women do have an important part of the church," Bear said. "I want to stress (women) being involved."

Women have had a significant role in Indian churches. Known as Established in 1888, the WMU is an auxiliary of the southern Baptist Convention. Its purpose was to teach children and women about missions, provide financial support for missions and to pray for missions work and missionaries.

M-S-W officers

Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Indian Baptist Associational 1990-91 officers:

- Leon Postoak, director of missions;
- Willis Knight, moderator;
- Kellos Walker, assistant moderator;
- Geneva Colbert, secretary;
- Joanna Harjo, assistant secretary;
- Ernest Marshall, treasurer;
- Naomi Bear, WMU director;
- Ed George, Brotherhood director;
- Loretta Denny, Sunday School director;
- James Locust, discipleship director;
- Leona Colbert, library and history director;
- Millie Jean Colbert, music director;
- Henryetta Marshall, pianist;
- Melissa McCoy, special care;
- George Hicks, disaster fund;
- Margie Frank, Curtis Denny, youth sponsors;
- Jim Kerr, business manager;
- Roley Fry, caretaker.

According to Frances Grafton, executive director of the Oklahoma WMU, " (Bear's) responsibility is to direct the WMU work in her association, encouraging all our churches to have missions education and to work with an elected group of women called the Associational WMU Council to direct the age-level missions organizations." The MSW Association will host a WMU leadership conference in September.

Religion In Brief

M-S-W schedules fall meetings

YARDEKA -- The Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Indian Baptist Association announced meetings and conventions scheduled through November.

The M-S-W's quarterly board meeting will be Nov. 17 at the First Indian Baptist Church, 600 N. Mission, in Okmulgee.

The M-S-W also will conduct a Bible School Convention Sept. 13-15 at the M-S-W Assembly Ground here south of Henryetta.

Also, the M-S-W Missionary Union (WMU)

Leadership Conference will be from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sept. 29, at the M-S-W Assembly Ground.

Children's home due dedication

I.X.L. -- The Mekasapv Children's Home, where orphaned Indian children will be kept, is scheduled 6:15 p.m. Sept. 22 at the homesite.

Also scheduled is a gospel singing, which begins at 7:30 p.m.

The children's home was the inspiration of Harry Douglas, a deacon.

Last year, the Muscogee (Creek) National Council authorized a \$5,000 appropriation for the home. The home will house orphaned Indian children with consideration given to Creek children first.

In Brief

Indian finals rodeo Nov. 15

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. -- Top Indian cowboys will compete for more than \$80,000 in prize money in the 15th annual Indian National Finals Rodeo Nov. 15-18 at Tingley Coliseum.

Contestants will represent 10 American Indian Rodeo Association regions in the United States and Canada. Also scheduled: a powwow and trade fair at the New Mexico State Fairgrounds. Rodeo performances begin at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 15-17; 2 p.m. Nov. 18. Admission: \$7 for general, \$9 reserved seats and \$12 box seats. Information: (for trade show), call Jo Arrington at (918) 224-6511 or (918) 224-1806; (powwow) Bill Sunrise at (505) 883-9094; and tickets (505) 884-0999.

Haskell alums to host golf meet

TULSA -- Entries are being accepted for the Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma benefit golf tournament Oct. 6-7 at LaFortune Park. The four-person scramble benefits the Haskell Alumni Association's scholarship fund. The event is scheduled in conjunction with the group's annual reunion Oct. 5-7 at the Park Plaza Hotel. Entry fee: \$50 per person (includes green fee and golf cart fees). Deadline: Sept. 15. Awards will be given to top five team finishers. Prizes: \$5 to closest to pin, \$5 to medalist, \$5 to longest drive, \$5 to mulligans, \$5 in putting contest and \$5 in the 50/50 pot. Information: Calvin Dailey at (405) 382-6629, Jim Thompson (918) 762-2517 or Ben Shoemaker (918) 743-3049.

Tulsa lanes to host tournament

TULSA -- Crystal Bowl will host the 23rd annual Indian Nation Bowling Tournament Oct. 27-28. Entry information: Call Jim Harjo at (918) 664-9384 or Brenda Mathews at (918) 582-6846 or (918) 241-1358.

Volleyball tournaments

Springfield Church, Sept. 21-22

OKEMAH -- A coed volleyball tournament sponsored by Springfield United Methodist Church will be Sept. 21-22. Deadline to enter is Sept. 20. Tank tops will be awarded to first- and second-place teams. Third-place team will be given a trophy.

The church is located five miles east and 2.25 miles south of Okemah off Oklahoma 62. Information: Call (918) 623-1710.

Okfuskee, Sept. 15

OKFUSKEE -- A coed volleyball tournament, sponsored by the Okfuskee Indian Community, will be Sept. 15.

Entry fee is \$25. Sweatshirts will be given to the team champion; T-shirts will be awarded to runnersup and the third place team gets a team trophy. Contact: Annie Hicks at (918) 623-1963.

Yardeka, Sept. 15

YARDEKA -- A coed volleyball tournament will be sponsored by the Yardeka Indian Center Youth Sept. 15.

Entry fee: \$25. Team trophies will be given to first- and second-place individuals. A third-place team trophy will be awarded.

The center is eight miles south of Henryetta. Concessions will be available.

Contact: Santana Lewis at (918) 652-8124, Merideth Taylor (918) 652-3911 or Lisa Thompson (918) 652-7443.

Haskell athlete appreciates America after trip to Russia

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

Haskell Junior College sophomore Vicki Camp returned from Lithuania with more confidence and a greater appreciation for the American way of life.

Camp, a Creek from Eufaula, was part of a national Indian girls all-star basketball squad that played two Lithuanian teams in July.

As she anticipated, the international game is played more physically and at a faster pace.

"International rules took some getting used to," Camp said. "The game is faster and the Lithuanian teams were bigger and much more physical."

Despite the rules differences in the collegiate and international competition, Camp scored 35 points in the first contest and averaged more than 30 points a game as the all-stars split four games.

Camp said the Lithuanians appreciated her stellar performance.

"After the games, the fans would give me roses and the referees gave me gifts," Camp said.

While her hosts were impressed with her ability, Camp said the cultural differences had the greatest impression on her.

"The Lithuanians are real poor," Camp said. "While we were there, the Russians were still imposing a blockade on goods and services to them."

Lithuania is one of several Russian republics that have declared independence from the Soviet Union. Moscow retaliated to the move for independence declaring a blockade on food and fuel to that country.

"The black market is really bad over there," Camp said. "People wanted to purchase our jeans and T-shirts and any thing made in the states."

People also wanted to exchange currencies but that practice is forbidden, Camp said.

The Haskell all-star said she was impressed by the interest her hosts expressed for Indians.

"(The Lithuanians) know a lot about Indians," Camp said. "They were surprised that we could run and that we were not as big as we have been

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One significant difference Camp observed was the food: "It was terrible."

Despite the political tension, Camp said the all-stars were treated nicely during their stay.

"The people were very nice and accommodating," Camp said. "Very few of them spoke English but that didn't stop them from taking us to different places like the Astoria Hotel."

Camp said she enjoyed the tour but is grateful to be back in the states. Fall classes have begun at Haskell and Camp said the girls team should do well this season.

"I want to thank everyone, especially, the National Council (which provided an appropriation for her trip) for their support," Camp said.

Tahlequah man wins state Indian tennis title

NORMAN -- Ron Qualls, winner of the Muscogee (Creek) Festival '90 tennis tournament, won the men's open singles title at the ninth annual Oklahoma State Indian Tennis Tournament.

Qualls, a Cherokee from Tahlequah, defeated Steve Quoetone of Lawton, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2, at Westwood Tennis Park.

Quoetone and his doubles partner, Gerald Quoetone, got revenge in the men's open doubles, defeating Qualls and Max Factor of Muskogee, 6-1, 6-1.

In the women's open singles championship, Pat Factor of Muskogee defeated Phyllis Davis of Henryetta, 7-6.

Tournament directors Jennifer Wilson and Phil Cross of Norman presented different colored feathers as awards to winners and runners-up.

In other divisions:

-- Phil Cross of Norman defeated Chuck Tippeconic of Norman by default in the men's open singles consolation;

-- Kevin Ganote of Tulsa defeated Tim Barnett of Midwest City, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, in the men's intermediate singles;

-- Greg Switch of Midwest City defeated Ted Ganote of Tulsa, 3-6, 6-7, 6-3, in the men's intermediate consolation singles, then defeated Jason Switch to win the boys 18 and under;

-- Kevin and Ted Ganote defeated Vincent Knight Sr. and Vincent Knight Jr., 6-2, 6-0, in the men's intermediate doubles;

-- Buddy King of Stillwater defeated Leon Harjo of Muskogee in men's 35 singles;

-- Jennifer Wilson of Norman and Sharon Hunter defeated Pat Factor and Terry Murphy of Oklahoma City, 6-2, 6-2, in women's doubles;

-- the Switches combined to defeat Vincent Knight Jr. and Ivan Tsotigh of Lawton in boys 18 and under doubles;

-- and Max Factor and Jennifer Wilson defeated Phyllis Davis and Mike Welbourne of Norman, 6-2, 6-1, in mixed doubles.

Creek artist's works at Henryetta studio

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

HENRYETTA -- Thanks to full-blood, Muscogee-Seminole artist Anthony Mitchell, Kenny Garrigus Hearst has an art studio.

Hearst, a graphic artist, said he planned on opening a studio, but didn't act on his plans until he met Mitchell at an art show.

Now Mitchell's agent, Hearst will open Kenny's Art Studio from 1 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Sunday.

"If we thought people would come, it would be (open) 1 to 5 p.m. everyday."

Concerned about the location of the studio, Hearst said if it wasn't successful he possibly would move it to Sapulpa or Tulsa.

But Hearst said he's confident patrons will embrace Mitchell's art.

Hearst has spent a large portion of his life in the Orient; feeling that Mitchell's artwork will be a big success in Japan, China and Singapore. The two plan to go there within the next two years. Hearst said Indian flat art is particularly popular there.

Mitchell said he is keeping busy with his art-



Anthony Mitchell among the paintings on display at Kenny's Art Studio in Henryetta.

work which is becoming known for its diversity.

Mitchell's and Hearst's immediate plans include making prints of his paintings. He along with his aunt and uncle, Woody and Katy Proctor, Oklahoma City, already have formed a T-shirt company

called Promit (Proctor-Mitchell).

The T-shirts, silk-screened with Mitchell's drawings of Indian babies, and an eagle and fancy dancer, will be sold in the studio also. He is working on two new T-shirt designs.

Okmulgee BIA agency changes CDIB process

OKMULGEE -- The Bureau of Indian Affairs' Okmulgee Agency will begin new procedures for processing Certificate Degree of Indian Blood card applications beginning Oct. 1.

Jimmy Gibson, agency superintendent, announced the changes, which are meant to dislodge a backlog of applications. Presently, the agency is processing walk-in applicants on the same day, in effect giving preferential treatment over those applications received by mail.

The change is necessary because of the increasing number of applications for CDIB cards the Okmulgee Agency is receiving, and the time required to process each application.

Walk-in applications will be received and logged in but no longer will be processed the same day, Gibson said.

"We do not want to create a hardship for anyone but we feel that all applications should be treated fairly by processing them in the order we receive them," Gibson said.

Applicants can expect their CDIB requests to be processed within a week if the application is complete. Incomplete applications will be returned and applicants should expect the process to take a week longer.

"We want to remind individuals who do not have a CDIB card to apply well in advance for a card before seeking assistance from education, social service, or other programs that require CDIBs," Gibson said. "These programs have deadlines and we don't want any qualified person to be denied because they lack a CDIB."

Requests for applications can be made by phone or through the mail.

The new policy will not affect requests for replacement cards since the ancestral information already has been established and on file, Gibson said.

Obituaries

Dave Harjo

OKEMAH -- Dave Harjo, 82, of Okemah died Aug. 20 at Muskogee Regional Medical Center. Services were held Aug. 24 at Yardeka Indian Baptist Church with the Rev. Amon Harjo officiating. Speakers were Josh Harjo and the Rev. George Doyle. Burial was in the Yardeka Indian Baptist Church Cemetery. Dave Harjo was born Sept. 24, 1908, in McIntosh County. He was a retired farmer and associate pastor of Yardeka Indian Baptist Church. He was married to Hennie Simmer on March 1, 1928 in McIntosh County. He was preceded in death by his wife Hennie in 1978 and one daughter Arleen Harjo. Survivors: one daughter, Christine Tory of Lawton; three sons, Austin Amos Harjo of Muskogee, Amon Harjo of Washita and Josh Harjo of Smithville; 27 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Pallbearers: Mike Harjo, Billy Harjo, David Tory, Nathan Harjo, Frankie Herrod and George Tiger.

Sibyl Callahan Campbell

HOUSTON, Texas -- Sibyl Callahan Campbell, 86, died July 25 at the Villa Northwest Nursing Home here. Mrs. Campbell was born April 23, 1904 in Muskogee. She was an original enrollee and allottee. Mrs. Campbell represented Muscogee County at the 1925 convention of the Society of Oklahoma Indians in Ponca City where she was voted Most Beautiful Indian Maiden in America. Shortly after her graduation from the University of Oklahoma in 1925, she moved with her mother and sister to Southern California where she lived until poor health led to her relocation to Houston in 1988. Her father, James Owen Callahan, was a pioneering physician in Indian Territory, conducting a large part of his practice in support of Muscogee Nation citizens. Her grandfather, Samuel Benton Callahan, devoted much of his life to Creek and Five Civilized Tribes affairs. He career included representing the tribes in the Confederate Congress. She was preceded in death by her

husband of more than 50 years, Frank, in 1984. Survivors: one daughter, Laurie C. Parr of Houston; one son, Ian Campbell of Milford, N.J.; four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Virginia Bruner

OKMULGEE -- Virginia Bruner, 65, long-time resident of the Twin Hills area, died Aug. 14 at her home. Services were held at Concharty United Methodist Church Aug. 15 with the Rev. Newman Frank Sr. officiating. Wake services were Aug. 15 at the Lenord Funeral Home in Bixby. Burial was in the family plot in Haskell. Miss Bruner was born Jan. 3, 1925, in Haskell and lived in the Twin Hills area most of her life. She was the daughter of Lyman and Stella Anderson Bruner. She was a retired beautician. Survivors: a niece, Diane Weisz.

Andrew Tiger

FAIRFIELD, Calif. -- Andrew Johnson Tiger, 71, of Fairfield died July 31 at Kaiser Vallejo Hospital after a long illness. Services were held Aug. 3 at Suisun-Fairfield Cemetery with the Rev. George Smith of the Creek Indian Church in San Francisco and Veterans of Foreign Wars members officiating. Mr. Tiger, a native Oklahoman, was born Jan. 7, 1919 to the late Ben and Sally Tiger. He lived in Fairfield for 38 years. He served with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Ocean during World War II. He retired from the Retail Clerks Union after Fairfield Grocery went out of business. He worked 23 years at Fairfield Grocery. He was a member of Moose Lodge No. 861 of Fairfield and Fairfield-Suisun Veterans of Foreign Wars. He had life memberships in Moose Lodge No. 2333 and Suisun City Fire Department. He was a past commander of a VFW post in Oklahoma. Survivors: daughters Mary Ann Archuleta of Pinole, Carol Chapman of Fairfield, Andrea Vogel of Calistoga and Sally Johnson of Fairfield; sons William Tiger of Hawaii, and Keith Tiger, James Tiger and Pat Tiger all of Fairfield; sisters, Melissa McCoy, Virginia Noble, Gerty Noble and Nancy McIntosh of Oklahoma; a brother, Thomas Tiger of Oklahoma; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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programs is a direct result of treaty obligations.

"This not just a federal handout," she said.

Skinner said many do not realize that funding for Indian education is a part of the federal trust obligation the U.S. has for Indians.

"I am a supporter of federally-funded Indian education," Mason said. "Our philosophy is that this is Indian money to spend on Indian children."

In Tulsa, Title V is a program serving 2,900 children from kindergarten through their senior year of high school.

"We've identified all of the Indian children (in Tulsa Public Schools)," Mason said. "Not every Indian child needs our services. Not all are economically disadvantaged and not all of them have attendance problems.

"We commend those children and their families who have been successful. Those producers and achievers help us."

From the Skinner's perspective, Indian education efforts include everyone. Programs are developed and implemented for parents, administration, paraprofessionals, counselors, community personal and teachers.

"We are involved with in staff development for culturally relevant curriculum," Skinner said.

"We assist in the development of cultural resources, higher education efforts, drug and alcohol prevention and substance abuse counseling."

Skinner cites a "spillover effect" with these programs. Though Indian children are the direct beneficiary, these programs make the school beneficial for all students.

"There is a dual responsibility to not only to supervise Indian education for Indian children but, also to broaden non-Indian perspective of traditional culture," Skinner said.

Costs should not be a factor considering the

value of these programs but Oklahoma public schools are hurting for adequate funding. The state legislature determines the funding formula for schools and that, says Mason, hurts the federal funding formulas which are used for the Title V program.

"I would like to see the current level of funding increase to at least the early 70's level," Mason said. "The current pupil formula has hurt not only Indian education but education as a whole."

Mason would like to see more state and local district funds into Indian education programs because doing so would reward the entire school system with more productive students.

Despite the Oklahoma legislature passing House Bill 1017, the education reform bill, Mason said there will be no immediate impact for Indian education programs.

"Should the state decide today to raise the funding level, it would be at least two years before the federal funding level would adjust," Mason said.

Creek Nation JOM/Title IV contacts

The Title IV-A Act is an amendment of Public Law 874 (Impact Aid). The act is intended to provide financial assistance to local educational agencies for the development and implementation of supplementary educational culturally related academic programs. These programs are designed to meet the special education needs of Indian students. To be eligible, a student needs to be of Indian descent, any degree, and have a "50-" form on file in the public school where that student is enrolled.

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Health Service funds.

The second budget did not satisfy the committee's request prompting Frye to write the latest budget.

NCA 90-86 rearranges funding sources for all budget components to clear the bingo and taxation revenue obligations.

"I set out to clear bingo and tax revenues from 1991 obligations," Frye said. "This will leave bingo revenues available for people in communities and not to run the government."

Bingo revenues have been projected by the finance office at \$1.1 million for 1991. NCA 90-86 appropriates \$665,687 for the executive branch and community services, leaving \$496,582 for supplemental appropriations.

Taxation revenues are projected at \$639,210 with \$259,264 committed to the executive branch, judicial branch and community services.

Elders

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from Okmulgee County.

Mrs. Coker said she thought most of the photos were taken in Okmulgee County, therefore she should seek assistance from elders who reside in the county.

But, Mrs. Coker said, "Mary (who originally is from Mayes County) recognized more people than anyone else."

A lot of the pictures were taken in Okfuskee, McIntosh and Hughes counties, Coker said.

Because of the immense size of the collection, Steinsiek said the elders will return to identify more pictures at an undetermined date.

"It's gonna be a rough job because we've got hundreds and hundreds of pictures without ID," she said.

Steinsiek said she was honored to have the elders at

the Council House and stressed the importance of having them actively involved in the museum.

"If we don't have Creek people involved here and if we don't keep Creek people happy, then there's no need for me to be here," she said.

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church officials claim the men absconded with more than \$8,000.

-- Approved a bill changing language in NCA 90-46, the contracting ordinance for attorney Marvin Stepson. The Bureau of Indian Affairs cited an incorrect reference in the bill to the 25 Code of Federal Regulations. The BIA asked for the change before processing the contract.

-- Approved a bill supporting a safe and clean environment on tribal lands. -- Approved an ordinance that allows the City of Okmulgee to have an easement and right-of-way across tribal property to connect utilities to the city's lines.

The Council set its planning session for Sept. 19 and its regular session for Sept. 29.

If the projections are accurate, there will be \$876,528 in bingo and tax revenues available for supplemental appropriations.

"The only funds available to expend on the people is bingo and taxation revenues," Frye said.

Last year, the Council appropriated one-twelfth of the budget for tribal operation of services and programs on a monthly basis. At that time, the Council withheld approval of the comprehensive budget until salaries of tribal employees and other budget details were released.

Cox said the NCA 90-86 contained logistical problems including shifts in federal docket funds and no salary or program increases.

"I am going to veto the bill and send it back to the Council," Cox said Sept. 3.

Barring any special session, the Council would reconsider a vetoed budget bill at its Sept. 29 regular session.

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split of all profits.

Poulos said the Creeks were noted for their gaming regulations and tribal participation would give credibility to the enterprise. Additionally, the Keetoowahs have no gaming operations, consequently no gaming regulations either.

Poulos said the combined project could generate \$4 million to the tribe annually.

The Keetoowahs have no land base either and two significant obstacles loom for the Cherokee band.

Louie Griffin, Keetoowah second chief, said his group has been unsuccessful in their attempts to place land in trust for three years.

Land only can be placed in trust if the tribe with jurisdiction consents. WRD, in Claremore, is within traditional Cherokee boundaries.

Cherokee Chief Wilma Mankiller, in a terse response to Council Speaker Ken Childers, wrote that the WRD group had pitched the Cherokees on four other occasions and they were rejected each time. Mankiller said there would be no consent for the Keetoowahs to place land in trust.

With WRD financing the track, Keetoowahs are

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Council members approached immediately after the meeting declined comment. However, sources disclosed no new developments on the matter had been discussed.

Childers said he called the meeting because he wanted Fast Wolf to explain his final written decision to the Council.

That decision, issued July 3, lists Fast Wolf's reasons for rejecting two audit reports tribal administrators claim account for all health care funds the tribe has received from IHS.

The first was conducted by Coopers and Lybrand, a Big Eight accounting firm retained by the tribe to conduct annual audits and the latter by Leonard Birnbaum and Associates, a firm retained by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Fast Wolf rejected the first audit because "no work papers or any other supporting documents to the audit were ever provided." Fast Wolf

Hanna

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needs to straighten up his own house first," Newton said.

Five Star's exceeding the contract completion date by more than a month is also a complaint of the community, Noyes wrote. Clay contends it was due to bad weather, but, in the letter, Noyes writes there were many days of good weather when Clay's employees were never at the center.

The community also is still being billed by Clay's subcontractors whom he should have already paid, Noyes wrote.

Holding up the final payment to Clay and his subcontractors is a dispute over the number of penalty days. Tribal affairs contends Five Star exceeded the completion date by 32 days, but Clay alleges it was 21.

"The difference is we count weekends and he does not," York said adding that the matter won't be resolved for a while.

suing the federal government in U.S. District Court for the ability to place land in trust without Cherokee Nation approval.

Childers said the purpose of the meeting was for information. In the Aug. 17 edition of *The Tulsa World* Childers said, "All it means is we're willing to listen to the Keetoowahs."

"Yes, it does show that we're interested in gaming operation management. But we're one of the most well-known Indian gaming operators in the country."

It is unlikely the Keetoowahs will be successful.

The second obstacle facing the band is a set of new regulations issued by Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan. In the Aug. 17 edition of *Indian News, Week-In-Review*, Lujan discussed proposed new acquisition rules.

The rules require tribes to have an economic development plan that specifies how the land will be used, a consultation process with local and state governments to resolve jurisdictional issues and, most significantly for the Keetoowahs, that tribes may acquire trust land only in states where they already own trust land.

rejected the Birnbaum audit saying that report was based on the Coopers and Lybrand audit.

Fast Wolf claims the tribe owes \$3.1 million to IHS for placing health care funds in the general fund account and cannot document the money used for health care. Tribal administrators have denied Fast Wolf's allegations and counter that he is refusing to accept the tribe's audits for political reasons.

Fast Wolf said if the tribe refuses to pay the \$3.1 million it can appeal his final written decision to the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals or the U.S. Claims Court.

Tribal administrators say another option is available. Executive director Gary Breshears says that under Public Law 538, tribes can seek relief in federal district court.

As of Sept. 3, no such action had been taken by the tribe.

Ribbon dancers

Shell shakers Sissy Taylor, Jean Hicks, Mary Tulsa, Linda Buckner and Jackie Meely prepare for the Green Corn Ribbon Dance at Arbeka ceremonial ground. Ceremonial grounds conclude most of their dances in October.



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Our \$100,000 winner



Lillie Thomas struck it big in October, winning \$100,000 at Creek Nation's Okmulgee Bingo.

Fifth visit to bingo her lucky trip

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

OKMULGEE -- After her husband died three years ago, full-blood Muscogee (Creek) Lillie Thomas quit playing bingo -- the couple's favorite pasttime -- and mostly stayed confined to her Preston home.

In early October she began playing the

game she and Jinkie, her husband, liked so well. On her fifth try, she attended Creek Nation's Okmulgee Bingo and won \$100,000 playing the Megaobingo Satellite Network game.

Lillie said she doesn't remember what she was thinking when her winning number was called. All she recalls is holding hands across the table with her friend, Ruby Beaver, hoping

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Chief Cox won't seek re-election

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- For the first time since tribal citizens began electing their leaders, the ballots for Muscogee (Creek) Nation principal chief will not include Claude Cox.

Cox announced he will not seek another term as Principal Chief at the Inter-tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes' quarterly meeting Oct. 12 in Seminole.

Cox has been the only elected chief of the Creek Nation since 1971.

"Twenty years is long enough," Cox said.

During his five terms of office, Cox has seen

the Creek Nation endure growth and controversy.

Cox used judgement funds in the construction of the Creek Nation Capitol Complex. He's been at forefront in contracting for health care and housing from the federal government and behind the establishment of gaming enterprises for tribal economic development.

During his administration, Cox's move to change tribal government representation from tribal towns to districts met criticism. More recently, the tribe has sued the federal government on issues of



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Resignation may prompt shuffles in Health Board

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The resignation of Abe McIntosh has left Shelly Crow as the lone member to the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board though Principal Chief Claude Cox has submitted two nominations for consideration.

In an undated letter submitted to National Council Speaker Ken Childers, McIntosh said he considered resigning in July, but stayed until

Fiscal Year 1991 contracts were signed with Indian Health Service at the urging of some Council members and Crow.

"I didn't have the time really, to do as good a job as needed," McIntosh said. "A person has to be involved to do a thorough job (on the health board) and it takes time away from my work."

McIntosh is the personnel director for the city of Okmulgee. He has been a member of the health board since 1987. McIntosh also serves on the Creek Council House restoration committee.

"I've enjoyed my tenure on the board," McIntosh said.

"Sure, there are problems but there are problems with everything."

Crow's response to the resignation was to file an application for the tribal district court to assume jurisdiction over the hospitals and clinics. Crow, whose term will expire Dec. 31, 1990, is asking the court to extend her commission until

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Blood quantum restrictions irk Creek citizen

I am writing this letter to talk about the question of blood quantum that is always among us. It was discussed in the editor's column of the October 1990 issue of *The Muscogee Nation News* but to what purpose I am not sure.

I would like to say that the invention of blood quantum was an invention of the United States government. It was an effort to take our children from us and it makes little sense. Tell me what part of a person is Creek? Is it his hand or his left leg? How do we decide these things? Is it the place he was raised or the language he speaks?

We are a strong nation and have always been. Our strength is in who we are as Indian people and not in some piece of paper that says 7/32 instead of 1/4. If we voluntarily cut ourselves up who is the winner? It is not the Creek people. Who among us can pick their parents? If we cut out our children by blood quantum, we can also take after other tribes and cut them by language. Then we can cut them by where they live. Then we can cut them by the color of their skin, hair or eyes. If we really try we can pare the Creek Nation down to a few hundred people. As a people we can die in just a few generations. Who wins? The United States government, that's who.

I am not denying that there are people who take advantage of being Indian and give nothing back. We all know some of them and think little of them. What I am saying is that that problem is not solved by cutting ourselves up. There will always be a selfish self serving people. We cannot escape this. What we can do is gather all of our children to us and teach them our ways regardless of what they look like. We can teach them Creek and this will keep us alive and this will keep us strong. In the long run, no people has gained by denying its own children. Aside from all the smart talk and big speeches that is what blood quantum is about. It is about refusing our children and it is wrong.

Bill Bray, Wetumka

EDITOR'S NOTE The intent of the blood quantum reference made in October's commentary is to note that a movement to restrict tribal membership exists and is being made by some Keetoowah band members. Blood quantum discrimination exists. According to Article III section 4 of the tribal constitution, only those with 1/4 blood quantum or more are considered full citizens and are eligible for elected office. The constitution does not discriminate for those citizens who can establish their lineage to the 1906 Dawes rolls. For example, the higher education department has provided assistance for those whose blood quantum is 1/128 and less. This is not an isolated incident. Tribal resources are limited and the people with greater blood quantum are missing out on tribal programs and services to thin blood opportunists. Of the 31,404 enrolled Creek citizens, 13,116 are less than 1/4 degree Creek (this number was inaccurate in last month's issue). At some point, assimilation occurs. Consider that a 1/32 degree is five generations removed from a full blood in the immediate family.

Format fine, but letter missing

Just a few notes to let you know that I like the overall format changes which you have made in the paper. However, there is a definite loss which I keep looking for and not finding since the new format made its appearance. I do miss the letters from Ernest Best. There are a number of reasons that I miss his letters and I hope that someday you will reprint them for those of us in the nation who are interested and who support Ernest who serves the unique distinction of being a missionary in the Lord God's service and other Native American

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tribes throughout the United States and Canada.

Because I consider Ernest's work to be invaluable service (not only for the Lord God) for the Creek Nation in that his calling takes him all around the nation and into Canada and as such can be considered a 'de facto' ambassador of the nation to the other Native American tribes. Whatever information regarding the other tribes he can make available to the readership of the paper should not be allowed to be lost as unwritten moments. Also because his service to the nation is in the service to (the) highest authority known to man and because upon this authority the United States (was) formed and vis-a-vis the Muscogee Nation is duly organized. The relationship which exists between that created and that which creates should not be ignored simply because such a loss is occurring within the greater society of America. The Creek Nation need not emulate the errors of the American society and its foolish efforts to rid itself of any semblance of godliness. It is not the wantonness I now see plaguing this nation that has brought America into such power and prominence.

In printing Ernest's letters I was blessed when I found them in the nation's paper. I am sure that others were as blessed as I. Perhaps we are all blessed whether we choose to believe or not in permitting the expression of what Ernest had (and has) to say in his letters to the nation.

I hope that you shall concur.

P.S. Ernest is my cousin.

Jerry Copeland, Santa Maria, Calif.

EDITOR'S NOTE: There are many men and women of God who believe they are serving a higher calling and space cannot be provided for those who want to be printed in the tribal newspaper. The MNN has expanded its coverage of religious news since discontinuing the printing of the Ernest Best newsletter. Best was featured in the May issue and his newsletter is available by writing his office at P.O. Box 31, Eufaula, OK 74432 or by calling 918/689-7880.

Thanksgiving makes reader ill

Well! It won't be long until the Big (T) Day, Thanksgiving. Who really thinks about what Thanks-

giving is really about? Most grown adults' idea of the first grade stories about the pilgrims and the friendly Indians have a meal to gather is hogwash.

The old-fashioned American celebrations, that nobody has figured out. Did you know that the President who made it a national holiday thought it was a big joke? Did Abraham Lincoln in the famous speech really men for all men or the all might dollar to be free? Ask yourself: Are we really free or does the government rule our life and control what we can and cannot do?

Yes, we as individuals have many things to be thankful for but, do we as a race of people have the freedom to live our lives as we see fit or does the government still hold us to their way of how they want us to think?

So ask me again, America? Am I'm supposed to be happy on Thanksgiving when the white man came to this country?

Richard E. Haney, Arcadia, Okla.

Speaker: Ad was premature

The apparent advertisement in the recent (National Indian Education Association) booklet of me being a candidate for the office of Principal Chief was premature. I am honored that someone in California would consider me for that position.

I have been approached by several groups of people to run for the office of Principal Chief next year. However, I have not reached a decision at this time.

Mrs Rhodes, is a good friend and highly regarded Creek National Council member. She is the Chairperson for the Human Development Legislative Committee. She was recently elected as President of the National Indian Education Association. She serves her people well. We would definitely want her people well. We would definitely want her support.

I currently serve as the Speaker for the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The Creek Nation is facing grave issues at the present time. (With the (Indian Health Service) disputes, federal budget cuts, and internal problems. (sic) My immediate concern and responsibility is to fulfill my current position through the present crisis.

I will make a final decision to run for the Office of the Principal Chief after future consultation with the Creek people.

Respectfully, Kenneth L. Childers

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Council to file appeal in IHS dispute

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) National Council has sent a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Claims in the latest development in the controversy between the tribe and Indian Health Service.

The letter, on National Council stationery and signed by Childers, was sent to the claims court Oct. 16.

The letter disallows claims made by IHS Oklahoma City Area contracting officer Steven Fast Wolf alleging that the tribe owes the federal health care agency \$3.2 million from six earlier contracts.

"When (Fast Wolf) issued those claims, he

stated in writing (about) the appeal process," Childers said. "I went to the (tribal) supreme court and they recommended we go through the administrative appeal avenue."

Childers is referring to Fast Wolf's final written decision issued July 3. In that written decision the contracting officer informed the administration it could file appeals to the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals or the U.S. Claims Court.

Childers said he sought the opinion because of the attorneys that are seated on the bench. Those attorneys are Eliot Howe, Willard Pittman and Richard LerBlanc.

In September the administration, through Cushing attorney William Rice, filed a \$1 million suit against IHS in Tulsa district federal court.

That petition contends IHS did not inform the tribal administration of an option to file for relief in

federal court. Cox says Public Law 100-472, an amendment to P.L. 93-638, allows a contracting tribe to seek relief in federal court.

Several Council members have taken exception to Rice representing the administration in federal court.

Childers said he had wanted to negotiate a settlement between the administration and IHS.

"We need to sit down and work something out in a civil manner," Childers said. "That's the avenue to go."

But Cox said negotiations to resolve the dispute with IHS were attempted but that those efforts were rejected by the agency. Cox said he has not been contacted by the Oklahoma City Area IHS office about any negotiated settlement.

"We've got a real strong case against IHS," Cox said.

In Brief

Land for hall near trust status

MUSKOGEE -- After months of delay, land for the proposed Muskogee bingo hall has been approved for trust status.

Helen Goad, a realty specialist with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Muskogee Area office, said the central office has approved the tribe's request for trust status and that all the paperwork was forwarded to the solicitor's office Oct. 31.

The land is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of state highway 69 and highway 64, east of Peak Boulevard in Muskogee.

Earlier this year, Manuel Lujan, Secretary of the Interior, required all requests for land to be placed in trust status for economic development, specifically gaming, be forwarded to the Washington office for approval.

The regulation change had frustrated Muskogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief Claude Cox. Cox said the process added more bureaucracy and that the Creek Nation was losing money for every delay.

Cox has been trying for two years to establish high stakes bingo in Muskogee. The proposal was initially delayed when the matter could not make it out of the Muskogee National Council's trial affairs committee.

The proposed bingo hall is expected to cost \$1 million to construct, generate \$500,000 annually in bingo revenues and employ 50 people.

Cox honored for longevity

SEMINOLE -- Muskogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief Claude Cox was honored for his more than 20 years of service to the Intertribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes at the organization's quarterly meeting in October.

Oklahoma Governor Henry Bellmon presented a proclamation declaring Oct. 12 Claude Cox Day in Oklahoma. Oklahoma State Rep. Glen Johnson presented Cox with a proclamation from the House of Representatives recognizing the years of service in Indian work.

Presentations from each of the five tribes were made as well as from the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging. U.S. President George Bush sent a congratulatory letter from the White House.

Cox has announced he will not seek reelection to his office in the 1991 tribal elections.

Tulsa councilor says she'll run for second chief

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- Tulsa District Rep. Donna Rhodes has announced her candidacy for Muskogee (Creek) Nation second chief.

Rhodes, in her second term to the National Council, is the first second chief candidate to announce officially.

"It's official," Rhodes said of her candidacy. "I'm running first, because of my qualifications; and secondly, on what I can do for the tribe."

Rhodes said she has been approached to run by several people. An advertisement in the National Indian Education Association program sought votes for Rhodes as second chief and for Council speaker Ken Childers for chief.

Rhodes said the advertisement was purchased by California Creeks and that she was unaware of the advertisement until the program was distributed at the convention Oct. 17. Childers also has disavowed knowledge of who placed the ad.

"(The ad) was a surprise," Rhodes said. "I don't know who is responsible but apparently,

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Council fails to override criminal code veto

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Muskogee (Creek) National Council failed to override a veto of the criminal and traffic code despite debating the issue for more than an hour at the October regular session.

NCA 90-68, passed at an October special session, would have established a criminal and traffic code for the tribe. The bill was vetoed by Principal Chief Claude Cox.

Cox contends the bill is politically motivated and designed to harass administration officials. The Chief suggested any criminal code be decided by a referendum.

A public hearing was held in September for

citizen input on the proposed criminal code but attendance was sparse.

Okfuskee District Rep. Bill Fife told the Council the majority of his constituents want law enforcement.

"I think this is the most important piece of legislation we have acted on in a while," Fife said. "I'm talking about the protection of innocent people and protection of property. We're going to have law enforcement."

Okmulgee District Rep. Charlie Litsey told the Council he could not support the bill because his constituents had signed a petition against the proposed code.

But another Okmulgee representative, Thomas

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Education group elects Creek as its president

SAN DIEGO -- Muskogee (Creek) National Council representative Donna Rhodes was elected president of the National Indian Education Association at its annual convention in October.

Rhodes said she is believed to be the first Creek woman to lead the NIEA. The NIEA, an advocate of Indian education and curriculum on all levels, is the largest intertribal organization in America.

"I am very pleased," Rhodes said. "I have made education a priority and I believe it is the only way our people can survive."

Rhodes has been active in the NIEA since 1972 and was serving on the board of directors. She was instrumental in landing the 1988 NIEA convention for Tulsa.

Rhodes is in her second term as Tulsa District representative. She chairs the Council's human development committee.

She has announced her candidacy for the office of second chief for the Creek Nation.



Council extends funding for another month

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- Funding for tribal operations was extended another month while the Muscogee (Creek) National Council and

administration officials sort details of a Fiscal Year 1991 comprehensive budget.

The latest budget extension was approved at the Oct. 27 Council meeting. An amendment preventing any more extensions after Dec. 1 was attached to the bill. The Council's next regular session, however, is Nov. 24.

Officials on both sides say a comprehensive budget should be in place before Thanksgiving.

Creek District Rep. Ed Frye, chairman of the business and governmental services committee, said funds from federal programs and services needed adjusting to actual funding levels rather than projected. Frye said the committee wanted to review the budget.

"Every year (the administration) comes back with carryover program funds and every year we supplement programs," Frye said. "We want the departmental budgets to conform with the program budgets."

Principal Chief Claude Cox said his office had submitted a workable budget in June.

"I thought we had submitted a budget they could accept. Hopefully, we'll get the differences

ironed out and get it passed in November," Cox said.

Cox said the delays are costing the tribe future revenues.

"We're passing up some good projects that could bring revenue and more jobs."

Cox said he was unsure how the Council will consider a cost-of-living increase for employees. The administration has maintained that a sliding scale for employees is discriminatory.

The Council is considering six percent cost-of-living increases for employees grossing less than \$29,999, three percent increases for those earning between \$30- and \$40,000 and no increases for those earning more than \$40,000.

Freedmen take recognition plea to Tribal Towns

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

OKEMAH -- Creek Freedmen of Oklahoma voiced concerns about achieving federal recognition at the Mvskokulle Etlwa Etelaketa's October meeting.

Freedmen are descendants of persons who were servants to some Muscogee Creeks prior to 1866. These people, who were of African descent, often intermarried with tribal members.

Scott McIntosh, the organization's president, said he believes Freedmen are entitled to Creek citizenship as well as the benefits afforded them.

McIntosh and other organization members base their claim on Article II of an 1866 treaty between the U.S. and the Creek people. The treaty set precedent for the Muscogee Nation's 1867 Constitution and gave these servants the same rights to citizenship as Creeks, McIntosh said.

McIntosh said the Creek Freedmen organization held its first meeting about three or four months ago. The Freedmen invited Dennis Springer, Bureau of Indian Affairs Muskogee area assistant superintendent, and Jimmy Gibson, Okmulgee agency BIA superintendent.

McIntosh told the tribal town representatives he asked the BIA officials what benefits are intended for the Creek Freedmen under the 1866 treaty.

"They said, 'there is none,'" McIntosh told

Confederacy's open house to be Nov. 10

OKEMAH -- The Mvskokulle Etlwa Etelaketa (Tribal Town Confederacy) will hold an open house for its newly-built center Nov. 10.

Activities begin at 10 a.m. with the Mvskoke Vietnam Era Veterans' presentation of the color guard. Guests will speak following the color guard.

At noon a traditional dinner will be served.

Following lunch a traditional stickball game will be played with the women playing against the men.

The Buffalo Dance will begin at 3 p.m. followed by a stomp dance.



Tallahassee, Muddy Waters, Okfuskee, Kellyville, Duck Creek and Greenleaf ceremonial ground members participate in the Council Oak Ceremony stomp dance.

Historian: Creeks have every right to survive here

TULSA -- Muscogee (Creek) Nation's future in economic development was forecast amid the backdrop of its past here at the Council Oak Tree.

The fifth annual Council Oak Ceremony in late October featured presentations by Creek governments, Creek historian Robert Trepp and the city of Tulsa.

The ceremony commemorates the spreading of ashes brought from the Muscogee Creeks' Lochapoka (Lo-cha-bo-ga) Tribal Town. That beginning spawned the city of Tulsa.

In his address, Trepp told the gathering that the tribe's future is not in bingo halls and smokeshops.

He said the tribe has the opportunity to "secure economic justice" by building its tax jurisdictional base. Creeks can enforce land



Ceremonial ground me'kkos and leaders Felix Brown, Toney Hill, Lewis Fish, Sonny Littlebear, Simon Harry, John Proctor, Joe Hicks and Lewis Proctor take in the Council Oak Ceremony.

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Thanksgiving spirit spreads to some centers

BRISTOW -- Bristow Indian Community will serve a potluck Thanksgiving dinner at 7 p.m. Nov. 19.

-- In addition to the smokeshop, the community maintains two other thriving businesses. The bingo hall's regular session begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. The community's feed store is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Sapulpa

SAPULPA -- Sapulpa Indian Community will serve a Thanksgiving dinner from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 17.

The community will provide the turkey for the potluck dinner.

-- Phyllis Warrington, community secretary, reported the community's bingo a success with around 40 people participating. Profits were around \$143, Warrington said.

Wilson

WILSON -- Wilson Indian Community will serve Thanksgiving Dinner at 7 p.m. Nov. 19. The potluck dinner will be for the public and Wilson Indian Community members.

Holdenville

HOLDENVILLE -- Holdenville Indian Community will serve its Thanksgiving Dinner between noon and 1 p.m. on Nov. 17. The community will provide the turkey for the potluck dinner.

-- The community hosted a talent show Nov. 3 with prizes awarded to first through third places.

-- A benefit gospel singing will be conducted for Melvin Bruner at 7 p.m., Nov. 17. Concessions will be available.

-- Community chairperson Fred Lowe said the community has purchased a van that will be used primarily for the transportation of elders who continually need medical treatment.

Hanna

HANNA -- Hanna Indian Community will host a Thanksgiving dinner and turkey shoot beginning noon Nov. 17. Eight shoots will be held at 10 people per shoot. Cost will be \$2 per shoot.

The community is selling chances on a food basket that will be raffled at the Thanksgiving dinner. Ticket cost is three for \$1.

-- The community holds silversmith classes at \$15 per person. Classes convene Mondays and Tuesdays for four weeks. Rings made during the classes are on sale at the community center.

Tulsa

TULSA -- Tulsa Indian Community will serve a Thanksgiving dinner as well as its monthly meeting and an introduction of its new officers at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 20.

-- An Oklahoma Indian Legal Services attorney will be at the Tulsa Indian Community Center from 2 to 5 p.m. Nov. 8. Those interested in services provided by O.I.L.S. may make an appointment by calling the center at 749-6260.

Hanna celebrates October open house



Unice Hill, Nuyaka, pitches a ringer during the Hanna Indian Community horseshoes tournament. Horseshoe tournament winners in the mens' singles category: John Wagoner, first and Nathaniel Harjo, second. Womens' singles winners: Lee Harjo, first and Loretta Thomas, second.



Amos Lowe studies a move in the center's domino tournament. Doubles winners: Sammy Yargee and Jonas Dunson, first; and Dewayne Lowe and Lowe, second.



The volleyball tournament was won by Stacy McIntosh's team. Sissy Lewis' Travelers were runnersup and Hanna Indian Community finished third.

Anniversary

Devasaio

OKMULGEE -- Roosevelt T. and Thelma C. Devasaio celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary Oct. 26. They were married in 1934 by the Rev. M.L. Checote of Okmulgee. New Town United Methodist Church members recognized the couple at Sunday morning worship service with a fellowship handshake. Refreshments were served on a table decorated with balloons, an orchid, white cake and fruit punch. Joe and Chiquita McNac and her daughters, Lisa Janet and

Rhonda served.

Birth

Kristen Allie Harjo

Kristen Allie Harjo was born Sept. 29 to Jeremy Tish and Robyn Harjo at Carl Albert Indian Hospital. Maternal grandparents are Harry and Mahaley Harjo. Maternal great grandparents are Leonard and Augustine Harjo and Henry and Katie Anderson. Paternal grandparents are Leo and Diane Moppin. Kristen also is the great, great, great niece of Nancy Beaver and Lizzie Bruner.



Tim and Lisa Long.

Church luncheon honors standout Creek siblings

HOLDENVILLE -- Lisa and Tim Long were honored with a going-away luncheon at their home by members of the Salt Creek United Methodist Church of Holdenville.

Their parents are Fred and Stella Long of Oklahoma City.

Tim Long graduated magna cum laude from Oklahoma City University. He received the Rotary Club Leadership Award for outstanding senior graduating from the Petree School of Music and Performing Arts. He also was a professional violinist with the Oklahoma City Philharmonic Orchestra. He is enrolled at the Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester in New York, working toward his master's degree in piano performance and literature.

In late 1989 Lisa was selected for a four-month internship in Washington D.C. with the United Methodist General Board of Churches, in which she was given an opportunity to interview Congressmen, tribal leaders and to sit in on Senate subcommittee meetings regarding Native American Indian issues. From the information she received, she wrote a publication for a special issue on Native American Indians in the Christian Social Action magazine. Upon her return, she was employed with the United National Indian Tribal Youth Council in Oklahoma City. She is currently back in Washington working with the National Education Association.

Those attending the luncheon were Wanda Aultman, Melissa Deer, her great-grandson Tenetke; George and Lizzie Bruner and their son Melvin, their daughter Debbie and her husband Kenneth with their three children, Kathryn, Kimberly and Sandy. Also Betty McKane, Eloise Long with daughters Barbara and Betsy, her grandson, Dave; granddaughter, Melissa Pauline with her husband Bill and two children, Billy Wayne and Phyllis Ann. Also attending were Bob and Mary Zumwalt, Noah Long, Francis Long, Minnie Seahmer, Harriette Ammerman and Barbara Phillips of Oklahoma City.

Glenpool, Okmulgee, Tulsa, Checotah elect new officers

GLENPOOL -- Pauline Haney was elected chairperson of the Glenpool Indian Community. Other officers include Jim Wilde, vice-chairperson; Carl Stout, sergeant of arms and Chiquita Smith, secretary.

-- The community has received the last half of a \$10,000 grant from St. Francis Hospital of Tulsa. The money will be used for the employment of a Glenpool Community Native American.

-- The Yuchi Tribal Organization will host a food sale and arts and crafts fair 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Glenpool Indian Community Center. Everyone is invited, Yuchis, Muscogees, non-Indians alike, said Al Rolland, Yuchi Project Director.

-- Donna Rhodes, Tulsa District representative, has been selected as the community's program developer.

-- Wilde said the community's barbecue has an attendance of more than 50 community members. The League of Women Voters, who attended a recent barbecue, registered four people, Wilde said. The community was served by Creek members of the Glenpool High School Heritage Club.

Glenpool

OKMULGEE -- Okmulgee Indian Community has appropriated \$1,000 to assist the community's student athletes purchase shoes. Funding is limited to Okmulgee Indian Community student athletes.

-- The community reinstated all of its officers with the exception of vice-chairperson. The officers are Matt Tiger, chairperson; Bernice Hale, vice-chairperson;

Etta Checotah, secretary; Vicki Watashe, treasurer and Dorothy Litsey, reporter.

-- Tiger said eight Okmulgee Indian community children participated in the Red Deer Running Society's recent run from Okmulgee to Tulsa.

Checotah

CHECOTAH -- Joe Fox has been elected chairman of the Checotah Indian Community. Other officers: Alice Parks, vice-chairperson; Lucille Courtwright, treasurer; Naggie Wilbanks, secretary and Sue Harper, reporter.

-- Checotah Indian Community has been assisting Billy Lee, 14, with transportation costs for dialysis treatments he receives three times a week in Oklahoma City. Lee, the son of Jackie Carruthers, is currently on a waiting list to receive a kidney transplant American Legion Post 267 of Checotah, has set up an account for Lee. Donations may be made at Peoples National Bank, 300 W. Gentry Street in Checotah.

-- As of Nov. 2, Checotah Indian Community bingo hall will open Friday nights.

Tulsa

TULSA -- Shelly Crow has been elected president of community. Crow also is chairman of the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board. Elected vice-president was Penny Bitsillie.

Duck Creek

DUCK CREEK -- The Duck Creek Indian Community is selling chances on a clock. Tickets are available from Indian community members at three for \$1. The clock will be raffled at the

community's Dec. 15 Christmas dinner.

Kellyville

KELLYVILLE -- Kellyville Indian Community will elect officers 7 p.m., Nov. 5.

Dewar

DEWAR -- Dewar Indian Community is making security alterations on its center with plans to open a smokeshop after alterations are completed.

Okemah

OKEMAH -- Okemah Indian Community will conduct its monthly bingo game at 7 p.m. Nov. 10. One pack of 20 games will be sold for \$5. Groceries will given away as prizes.

Weleetka

WELEETKA -- Weleetka Indian Community provides free meals for all Weleetka High School football players from 4 to 5 p.m. on the day of home games. Those who want to eat with the players may purchase a dinner at the center.

Wetumka

WETUMKA -- Wetumka Indian Community will serve a pancake breakfast from 7 a.m. to noon Nov. 3. Cost of the breakfast will be \$2.50.

The community will serve Thanksgiving dinner for its elders at noon Nov. 20.

Okfuskee

OKFUSKEE -- Okfuskee Indian Community will host a dedication service and open house at its community center Nov. 8. Services begin at 3 p.m. with a free supper following.

Coweta

COWETA -- Coweta Indian Community residents interested in obtaining their GED may enroll until Nov. 19. Those interested in enrolling must have a CDIB card and attend the community's regular meeting at 7 p.m., Nov. 19. Call Marie Critenden at 486-2662.

-- Critenden said the community will soon begin Muscogee language classes. Classes will be taught by Pauline Billy of Schuler.

-- Critenden said the community's Halloween party and hayride was a success with more 100 people attending.

"A lot of senior citizens got to ride; they got a big bang out of that," Critenden said.

Muskogee

MUSKOGEE -- Muskogee Indian Community will have a food sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Nov. 9. Members will be selling a variety of traditional dishes from blue dumplings, sofke and Indian tacos to beans and fried bread.

-- The community will be holding an arts and crafts sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 10. The food sale and arts and crafts show will be at the community center, 111 S. Virginia Street.

Compiled by Stephanie Berryhill



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Patrick Factor starts at defensive end/offensive guard for Bixby High.

Creek ready to tackle Eastern Europe

By TOMMY CUMMINGS
MNN Managing Editor

BIXBY -- Patrick Factor hasn't had too much time to bone up on the developments in Germany, other than hearing about its recent unification.

His schedule as a football player and student keep him too busy. But come next summer, the Bixby High School senior should know all about the eastern Europeans.

Factor, the son of Mike and Peggy Factor, was named to participate in the 1991 Sooner Stampede. The Stampede will feature Oklahoma/Eastern Europe All-Star sports festivals in Berlin and Frankfurt, Germany, and Prague, Czechoslovakia.

The trip won't be until June, 1991. In the meantime, Factor has to raise \$2,795, which will cover all air and land transportation, visas, taxes, equipment (except shoes), meals, security, etc.

The Okmulgee Indian Community is sponsoring a raffle Dec. 10 to help him raise funds. The raffle winner will receive a trip for two to Las Vegas or a \$400 cash prize.

Factor will be going even further than Las Vegas and witnessing history in the making in eastern Europe.

"I want to see what the changes are over there, see what the people think of the unification," said Factor, a Muscogee (Creek) citizen.

"I've talked to a few German students who are exchange students. The Berlin students are not fond of this. They say all the people from East Berlin are kind of strange.

"It will be interesting to see for myself."

Factor has put on hold his efforts to study about the country. Football and academics have eaten into his time, but he's found the time to excel in both.

Athletically, he's a co-captain and a starting offensive guard and defensive end for the football team. Academically, he's been on the honor roll for the past two years and is a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students. His standing in athletics and academics earned him the opportunity to play for the Stampede squad.

Athletics will play a big role in his decision where to attend college. His goal is to play football in college and major in either biomedical engineering or business.

His performance on the Stampede team may help his chances at getting an athletic scholarship, he said.

"You'll have all the other coaches looking at you and if you do good, some have their contacts with college recruiters," he said.

Religion In Brief

Hanna church celebrates preacher's 95th birthday

HANNA -- About 45 relatives, friends and church members gathered Oct. 20 at Weogufkee Baptist Church to reminisce and celebrate the Rev. Coleman Byrd's 95th birthday.

Byrd has been a Baptist preacher since the 1920's and has ministered to the Weogufkee congregation since the early 1950s and despite his age, remains active in the Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Indian Baptist Association.

Byrd was presented gifts from well-wishers and a money tree from all of the churches that he has helped found.

Former director of missions for the MSW Association Leon Postoak said earlier this year that Rev. Byrd has been an inspiration for many with his perseverance in the Baptist work.

"I heard Rev. Byrd (at a summer missions conference) say that God is still teaching him and that he is still learning," Postoak said.

Former Women's Missionary Union director Helen Coon said "Rev. Byrd has been an inspiration to us all. I'm sure the Lord will continue to bless him and us."

Northeast United Methodist

PRESTON -- The Northeast District United Methodist women will be having their "Thanksgiving: World Thank" program Nov. 10 at the district center, northeast of here.

Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Those attended are asked to bring canned food and a toy that will be given to the Cookson Hills Center, a pair of socks (for a teen-ager) that will be donated to the Methodist Children's Home in Tahlequah and a covered dish for the noon luncheon. Each UMW unit that is represented is asked to bring 12 corsages that will be sold for missions.

All women are invited to attend. After lunch an arts and crafts sale will be held for those units that would like to participate. Public invited.

Middle Creek No. 1 Baptist

LAMAR -- Veterans will be honored Nov. 11 at a service and dinner at Middle Creek No. 1 Baptist Church. Featured speaker will be the Rev. Homer Emarthle of Cold Springs Baptist Church. Veterans will be recognized at a noon dinner following church service. Middle Creek is three miles west of Dustin on Oklahoma 9 and eight miles south at the Lamar exit.

Greenleaf Missionary Baptist

TULSA -- Greenleaf Missionary Baptist Church will have its annual Veteran's Day services Nov. 9, 8 p.m. Church leaders welcome singing, praying and preaching. Breakfast will be served Nov. 10.

Okmulgee Indian Baptist

OKMULGEE -- Christ For Crisis and Budget Turmoil will be the topics at a prayer service Nov. 9 at the Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church. Services begin at 8 p.m. with the Rev. Robert Washington in charge.

Holdenville Community Center

HOLDENVILLE -- Holdenville Indian Community Center will host a gospel singing for Melvin Bruner Nov. 17. Emcee: Al Brown and the Ada Harmonettes.

New Town Indian Methodist

OKMULGEE -- New Town Indian Methodist Church will be host to the Battiest Indian Family Ministry 7 p.m. Nov. 10. The Battiest family has traveled thousands of miles across the United States and Canada spreading its ministry.

Legislative Overview

<div>How They Voted</div> <div>Oct. 27 National Council meeting.</div>	<div>NCA 90-68</div> <div>Motion to override veto of the tribal criminal and traffic code. Failed: 17 yes, 7 no, 2 abstain.</div>	<div>NCA 90-57</div> <div>Motion to override veto of citizens property and legal rights department. Passed: 20 yes, 5 no, 1 abstain.</div>	<div>NCA 90-98</div> <div>Motion to let stand veto of Tulsa Indian Community land acquisition. Passed: 22 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain.</div>	<div>NCA 90-95</div> <div>A bill approving an oil and gas lease on tribal property in Hughes District. Passed: 22 yes, 2 no.</div>	<div>NCA 90-94</div> <div>A bill approving an oil and gas lease on tribal property in Hughes District. Passed: 22 yes, 2 no.</div>
George Almerigi, Okmulgee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Richard Berryhill, Wagoner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Larry Bible, Tulsa	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Eugene Birdcreek, Okfuskee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Johnson Buck, Hughes	No	Yes	Yes	Did not vote	
Robert Buck, Hughes	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Mose Cahwee, Creek	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes	
Ken Childers, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Did not vote	
Helen Chupco, Muskogee	No	No	Yes	Yes	
Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa	Abstain	Yes	Yes	No	
Clarence Cloud, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Helen Duncan, Wagoner	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bill Fife, Okfuskee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ed Frye, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tony Hale, Okmulgee	No	Yes	Abstain	Yes	
Mae Jackson, Okfuskee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Clyde Johnson, Okfuskee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Frank Kamp, McIntosh	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Charlie Litsey, Okmulgee	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Harley Little, Muskogee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Tommy Newton, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tom Pickering, McIntosh	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Donna Rhodes, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Earl Wheeler, Creek	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Jerry Wilson, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Did not vote	
Thomas Yahola, Hughes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

NCA 90-92 A bill authorizing Principal Chief to Natural Resource funds to reimburse agribusiness operation. Passed: 18 yes, 6 no.	NCA 90-102 A bill approving funding for five Liberty High School students to attend National Future Homemakers of America. Passed: 22 yes, 2 no.	NCA 90-105 A bill identifying funding for tribal operations through Nov. 30, 1990. Passed: 22 yes, 2 no.	NCA 90-101 A bill appropriating honorariums for ceremonial grounds participating in the Council Oak Ceremony. Passed: 22 yes, 0 no.	NCR 90-07 A resolution supporting the Yuchi Tribal Organization in its effort to gain federal recognition. Passed: 24 yes, 0 no.	NCR 90-08 A resolution supporting Jane Milam of Calvin in a probate case against the state of Oklahoma. Passed: 19 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain.
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Diabetes threatens Muscogee people, nephrologist says

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

OKMULGEE -- More than 12 million people in the United States are afflicted with diabetes. Ten percent of all people with diabetes develop kidney disease.

And although Native Americans account for 18,000 of 718,896 people in Tulsa, 40 percent of the Hillcrest Renal Disease Center's new dialysis patients are American Indians.

Kidney failure is also twice as common among Indians as it is with Caucasians, said Dr. Allister Payton, one of the center's nephrologists.

A common factor among sufferers of these diseases is obesity, Payton said. It is mainly overweight people who have this problem, he said.

Anthropologists from Pennsylvania State University and the University of Oklahoma recently conducted a study that establishes that chronic disease has reached "epidemic proportions" among Muscogee people.

In a sample of 268 Muscogees obesity was reported at more than 50 percent.

The study also reported that non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (NIDDM) exceeded 80 percent in Muscogee females ages 65-75 and 50 percent in men 55-65.

Payton said causes of diabetes among Indians seems to be related to their diet.

Kay Owen, a licensed dietician and Okemah Indian Community Hospital's dietary consultant, agrees with Payton. She said she feels the average Muscogees' diet in addition to the type of commodities Creeks receive increase their chances of becoming diabetic.

"These commodities are killing us," Owen said. "When you get commodities your getting canned fruit and syrup. We should be getting brown rice instead of white. We could be getting white cheese made from skim milk instead of all that yellow cheese."

Owen is responsible for planning menus and teaching the hospital's cooks how to prepare the different diets. She also teaches nutrition classes at the hospital.

Owen said she tries to teach Creeks how to select and utilize their commodities.



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Winnie Harjo, Muscogee dialysis patient from Wewoka, is attended by Dr. Allister Payton, a nephrologist at the Hillcrest Renal Disease Center.

"But it's hard for me to say to those people 'don't ask for that fruit with canned syrup, ask for the fruit packed in its own juices,'" she said.

Owen said if a person is eating a diabetic diet, even if they're non-diabetic, they're eating a proper diet. Three things to monitor in your diet are what you eat, how much you eat and when you eat, she said.

Owen, who hosted the KOTV show "Lookin' at Cookin'" for seven years, is working on a cookbook which will include modified fat-free recipes of Indian food. She would like recipe contributions.

Any recipes submitted will be published with the author's name, Owen said.

Payton added the causes of diabetes are also partially genetic.

Kenneth M. Weiss, PhD and one of the study's researchers, hypothesized the origins of NIDDM, gallbladder disease and obesity may be due to the "New World Syndrome."

These diseases were not common among Indians until 40-50 years ago. The study indicates the disease could have been brought about by the Native Americans' change in diet, reduced activity levels or change in the environment.

Twenty percent of people who develop kidney failure have diabetes, Payton said.

Other speakers: Susan Knapp, dietician at the center; Rita Schluneger, diabetic teaching nurse and Kim Collie, who'll discuss dialysis procedures.

Will Anquoe and Judy Rolland of Creek Nation's Social Services Department will participate in a panel discussion on diabetes.

"Anyone diabetic or interested in diabetes should attend," said Tressia Ables, CHR Manager for Creek Nation. "Through our CHR program we're seeing diabetes as one of our biggest health problems."

The workshop will accommodate 100 to 150 participants. Lunch will be available at the capitol complex cafeteria from noon to 1 p.m. Those planning to attend should contact Ables at the Creek Nation CHR office at (918) 756-8700, Ext. 234.

HIV/AIDS issue due examination at conference

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

TULSA -- Two-hundred and eighteen American Indians in the United States have Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

As of Oct. 31, Oklahoma Indians with AIDS accounted for 24 of that 218, said Mark Turner, AIDS surveillance coordinator for the Oklahoma State Department of Health AIDS division.

With the prevalence of this disease among American Indians Muscogean Shelly Crow decided that it was time to address the issue as it pertains to American Indians.

She is chairperson of the Native American HIV/AIDS Conference scheduled Nov. 29 and 30 at the Westin Hotel here.



Shelly Crow

Crow said the AIDS issue has "been addressed before and other people have addressed it in other ways, but this is going to include Indian people."

The HIV/AIDS conference is the first involving Native Americans. It is made possible by several Indian health care organizations, including the Creek Nation Health Care System from which the conference idea originated.

In conjunction with the conference, the "Names Project" memorial quilt -- sewn in memory of all people who have died of AIDS -- will be on display at the Tulsa Convention Center.

At 5:30 p.m., Nov. 30, following a cedar burning ceremony, a section of the quilt with Native American names will be opened.

AIDS is caused by a virus called HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) which destroys infection-fighting white blood cells. Currently 57 Oklahoma Indians are HIV infected, Turner said.

"You don't (develop HIV/AIDS symptoms) until sometimes 8 to 10 years. And Indians -- well just like you or I -- don't seek medical treatment until they're really bad, so we don't know how many cases they're actually are," Crow said.

Before a person is determined to have AIDS they must meet the Center For Disease Control's case definition, Turner said. When an individual is HIV positive this means he or she is AIDS symptomatic. An HIV positive person even can be extremely ill yet, not meet the CDC's case definition, Turner said.

HIV/AIDS is transmitted through sources such as intravenous drug users, blood transfusions and sexual transmission, Crow said.

Crow said among Native Americans a common source of HIV/AIDS infection seems to be sexually transmitted.

Crow said she feels people of childbearing age should be offered HIV/AIDS education and testing -- specifically females taking birth control pills and people who are sexually active.

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Workshop focuses on prevention, intervention

OKMULGEE -- A diabetes workshop, emphasizing disease prevention and intervention, will be presented Nov. 14 at Muscogee (Creek) Nation's tribal capitol complex.

The workshop will be presented by the Hillcrest Dialysis Center of Tulsa and the Creek Nation Community Health Representative Department.

Entitled "Diabetes and Native Americans," will be conducted in the Creek Nation Mound Building auditorium on the tribal capitol complex, one mile north of Okmulgee at the intersection of Oklahoma 75 and Loop 56. The workshop is in conjunction with National Diabetes Awareness Month.

No registration fee will be charged and the workshop is open to the public.

Featured speaker will be Dr. Allister Payton, diabetes specialist at Hillcrest Medical Center.

Muscogee artists collect art prizes

OKMULGEE -- K.R. Burgess, Muscogee artist from Tulsa, received first place in painting in the third annual Oklahoma Indian Art Market.

Burgess' won first place with his oil painting, "White Eyes."

Winning second and third was full-blood, Muscogee-Seminole artist Anthony Mitchell with his acrylic paintings "Warrior's Glance" and "Brothers of Earth and Sky."

In sculpture Clancy Gray, Osage, placed first

with "Emperor of the Plain," Sonny Crowel, Muscogee, placed second.

In pottery Canterbury was first and Anita Fields, Osage/Muscogee, placed second and third with "Lightning Form" and "Ribbon Work Form."

In jewelry Gray placed first with "Strength and Power." Second was Knokovtee Scott, Muscogee/Cherokee shellworker, with his muscle shell engraved necklace, "Four Winds."

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people who are sexually active.

"It's moving into the heterosexual population. It's not just a gay disease; we've got it in our babies, in our children who our hemophiliacs and our mothers," Crow said.

Crow, conference chairperson, said some of the topics that will be discussed are how the disease will affect tribes. The manner in which tribes handle the adoption of HIV positive babies will be discussed.

The conference will also include workshops discussing preventative HIV/AIDS education programs in urban, rural and reservation areas.

There will be a workshop to make care givers aware of Indian culture in order to give patients culturally appropriate treatment.

A panel of medical physicians and medicine men will hold a caucus in which issues, such as traditional scratching practices, will be discussed.

Crow said she hopes the conference will provide tribal counselors with the information and education they need to return to their tribes and implement HIV/AIDS education programs.

She also stressed the importance of involving elders traditional people, church and Indian community leaders.

Obituaries

Roley Marshall

DUSTIN -- Roley Marshall, 63, of Dustin died Oct. 30 in Wetumka. Services were Nov. 2 at Alabama Quarsardy Church. Song service was Oct. 31 at the Merritt Funeral Cottage Chapel. Burial was in the Sand Creek Cemetery. Marshall was preceded in death by his mother, Mamie Marshall and one brother, Julius Marshall.

Survivors include his father, George Marshall, Dustin; three brothers, Sam Marshall, Weleetka; Oscar Marshall, Midwest City; and J.D. Marshall, Del City; five sisters, Cindy Marshall and Sarah Marshall, both of Dustin; Loreene Kellough, Georgina Hicks and Salina Marshall all of Weleetka.

Rosalie Lewis

PALO ALTO, Calif. -- Rosalie Lewis, 57, of Palo Alto died Oct. 17. Funeral services were Oct. 23 in the Weogufkee Indian Baptist Church at Hanna, Okla., with the Rev. Newman Kelley officiating. Burial was in the Lewis & Fields Cemetery near Henryetta. Mrs. Lewis was born in Henryetta Feb. 9, 1933 to Mosey and Alice Bullett Lewis. She moved to California about four years ago. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Edmond and a sister, Betty Lewis. Survivors: three daughters, Naomi Ruth Harjo of California, Estelline Harjo of Norman, Okla. and Sue Ann Harjo of Okmulgee; two sons, Billy Joe Kenwood of Oklahoma and Daniel Harjo of Stilwell, Okla.; a brother, Billy Joe Watson of Dustin, Okla.; three sisters, Wanda Faye Harjo of Hanna, Okla.; Agnes Randall of Weleetka, Okla.; and Celia Rose Schuttz of Durant; and 12 grandchildren.

Louella McKay Jackson

BRISTOW -- Services for Louella McKay Jackson, 61, of Bristow were Oct. 19 at the Choska Indian Methodist Church. The Revs. George Miller and Mike Harjo officiated. Jackson was born in Bristow and an active member in Choska Indian Methodist Church. She retired in 1986 for health reasons but remained active in the Bristow Indian Community Center. She was preceded in death by her father Eddie Harry in 1967 and her mother Sallie (Scott) Harry in 1988. Survivors: three sons, Jim McKay of Idabel and Steve and Eddie McKay of Bristow; her husband, Don Haywood; a sister, Lillian Miller of Texas; three nephews,

Ronnie Miller of Tulsa, Perry Miller of Minnesota and Danny Miller of Texas; seven grandchildren, three grand nephews along with nices, cousins, relatives and many friends. Pallbearers: David Perkins, David Bigpond, Doug Parker, Corky Allen, Roy Dean Allen, Jim Gutierrez. Honorary pallbearers: Winey Harjo, Lucy Bigpond, Vera Mason, Evelyn Parker, Patsy Presson and Opal Harjo.

Porter M. Cox

OKMULGEE -- Porter M. Cox, 66, a lifetime resident of Okmulgee, died Oct. 20 in Okmulgee. Services were Oct. 23 at the New Town United Methodist Church in Okmulgee with the Rev. Floyd Peters officiating. Wake service was Oct. 22 at the Cantrell Ivory Chapel in the Kelley Funeral Home in Okmulgee. Burial was in the New Town Cemetery. Cox was a retired construction worker and a 19-year veteran of the U.S. Army. Survivors include: one son, Ronnie of Kansas City, Kan.; three daughters, Peggy Siedik of Muskogee, Stella Southwick and Mary Elizabeth Cox, both of Kansas City; two brothers, Claude Cox of Okmulgee and Rufus Cox of Ada; one sister, Mary Ann Gordon of Okmulgee; eight granddaughters and three grandsons. Pallbearers were W.R. Coulson, Jack Bevenue, Charles O'Neal, Jack Hicks, George Fowler, Sr., and Harold Fleetwood. Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1189, provided military rites.

Jeremy Harjo

OKMULGEE -- Jeremy C. Harjo, 14, an Okmulgee resident the past year, died Nov. 2 in Vinita. Services were Nov. 6 in the Hickory Ground No. 1 Church with the Revs. Mike McConnell and Harley Barnowski officiating. Burial was in the Hickory Ground Cemetery. Wake service was at Hickory Ground No. 1 Church south of Henryetta. Jeremy was born May 8, 1976, in Claremore. He was a ninth-grade student at Okmulgee High School. Jeremy attended the First Baptist Church of Henryetta. Survivors: his mother Sarah Harjo of Okmulgee; four brothers, B.J. Harjo of Sand Springs, Cody Harjo of Okmulgee, Corey Harjo of Okmulgee and Casey Harjo of Vian; one sister, Nakota Harjo of Okmulgee and maternal grandmother Cindy Thompson of Henryetta. Jerrey was preceded in death by his father Freeman Harjo in September. Family members served as pallbearers.

Letters of thanks

To Muscogee (Creek) National Council:

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for the funds to send our son, Yonah McKinney, to the XXIV AAU/USA Junior Olympics Games in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Yonah did not place in his events, the karate competition, but thanks to the Creek Nation he had this opportunity to be represented.

This is an experience that we will always remember and one that will help him grow in confidence as he pursues other endeavors throughout his life.

Once again, thank you for giving this experience to our son. We would not have been able to attend this event without your help.

Danny and Carlene McKinney, Tulsa

To Muscogee (Creek) Nation:

The Long family of Oklahoma City extends its sincere appreciation to the Creek Nation for the financial support from scholarships provided to Lisa and Tim Long. We commend the tribe for their interest in the education of young people. (See related story on Page 6).

Fred and Stella Long, Oklahoma City

Classifieds

Help wanted

Creek Bingo Hall General Manager

JOB TITLE: General manager, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Bingo.

SALARY RANGE: Commensurate with education and experience. Training period negotiable. Upon completion of training, earn \$30,000 to \$40,000 annually.

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION: Muskogee, Okla.

JOB DUTIES: Supervise and coordinate all business affairs in connection with the operation, management and maintenance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Bingo enterprise, and all incidental, ancillary or subsidiary business operated or instituted therein.

All duties will be subject to overview by a supervisory Board. Duties include maintaining compliance with applicable Tribal and Federal Laws/Regulations.

Excellent working knowledge of the principles, practices and methods of accounting; good knowledge of modern office management procedures, practices and equipment, as applied to accounting operation; good knowledge of purchasing, tax and allied systems and procedures; ability to analyze and interpret financial and accounting records and to facilitate preparation of accurate and complete financial statements and reports; ability to train, direct, place and review the work of employees. Ability to interact with the public with a high degree of professionalism; ability to work irregular hours and capable of working weekends; limited travel. Prefer

previous experience in management, marketing, gaming operations or related areas.

Candidate must be able to meet background/criminal investigation requirements, per Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 USC 2710).

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS: Graduate from an accredited four-year College or University, and/or an Associate Degree and two years of equivalent training and experience.

Muscogee (Creek) Indian preference; CDIB required.

CLOSING DATE: Dec. 15, 1990.

SEND APPLICATION TO: Muscogee (Creek) Nation Gaming Operations Authority Board, c/o Office of Public Gaming, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

OTAP job vacancies

The Oklahoma Tribal Assistance Program, Inc., has received job vacancies from area employers in the following vocations: Pipe layers, laborers, concrete form builders, receptionist, switchboard operator, lockbox tellers, structural welders, pipe fitters, carbon steel pipe welders, Mig, Tig, and Sub Arc, stainless steel Heli-Arc pipe welders, AWS Weld process, stray painters, carpenters, clerical, tellers, accountants, machinists, shop helper, grinders, cashiers, food service, housekeeping, medical field, drivers, laundry help, assembly, building maintenance, electricians, electronics, computer skills, material handlers, janitors.

For more information, call OTAP at (918) 744-8866.



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Mvskoke and Yhci men and women hold hands during the Friendship (Peace) Dance as a part of the Council Oaks Ceremony traditional events.

Oak

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claims and demand new land titles in settlement, Trepp said.

"The Muscogee Nation has essentially traded Georgia and Alabama, and a loss of many thousands of lives, for the right to survive here and govern ourselves, to never be included without our consent," Trepp said, referring to the United States' forced removal of Muscogees in 1838.

Trepp said the Treaty of 1866 grants Congress the power to protect the rights of person and property in the Muscogee Nation. "Although the tribes' culture, language, government, property and treaty rights can't be harmed by Congress, he said.

"Wrongly, Congress later used the protect person and property language to close our courts, suspend our laws, close and sell our schools, repeal our taxes and divide our lands," Trepp said.

Despite a 1906 bill which almost abolished the tribe's legal rights, but eventually "perpetuated tribal status," the Bureau of Indian Affairs closed tribal governments in order to obtain land and minerals, he said.

"Allotment was over, a failed policy which had impoverished thousands of Indians. The Indian Reorganization Act was to be passed, to restore powers to tribes and to govern themselves," he said referring to changing federal policy in the 1930's.

He said Creeks did not benefit from land allotments because they were "dumped into an economic system they could not fight. Thanks to Congress, they each had a 160 acres of land and the right to sell it," he said.

Ken Childers, National Council Speaker, agreed with Trepp's address.

"The strength of our tribe was restored with the adoption of the 1979 Constitution," he said. "Everything we as a nation need is outlined in this document. Our future depends on us upholding our Constitution."

The ceremony began with opening comments by Ken Childers, National Council speaker. The invocation was given by Sam Proctor, Tallahassee Ceremonial Ground's umpunaya (speaker).

Six different ceremonial grounds represented at the ceremony. Leaders representing those ceremonial grounds: Lewis Proctor, Mekko of Tallahassee; Lewis Fish, Muddy Waters; Joe Hicks, Mekko of Okfuskee; Sonny Littlebear, Kellyville;

Simon Harry and Felix Brown; Duck Creek and Toney Hill, Mekko of Greenleaf.

The City of Tulsa Commission presented a proclamation which was accepted by Childers in behalf of the Muscogee Nation.

Speaking in behalf of Principal Chief Claude Cox was Perry Beaver, second chief.

Dodie Warrington, Creek Nation Princess gave a presentation addressing the traditional leaders, stressing the importance of their presence, the Tulsa Commission and the National Council.

The lighting of the fire was done by John Proctor, Tallahassee Helishaya (medicine man).

In previous years the ceremony's traditional events consisted of men's stickball playing. But this year men and women's stickball was played "to get the women more involved," said Thomas Berryhill, Council Oak Ceremony coordinator and Okmulgee District representative.

After the women won the stickball game, dancing began with several specialty dances such as the old dance, friendship (peace) dance, turtle and sheep dance. The day's events concluded with regular stomp dancing and supper.

The Council Oak is located at 18th Street and Cheyenne.

Its preservation was initiated by a group of Boy Scouts and has been further preserved and maintained by the City of Tulsa.

The street on which the Council Oak is located has been renamed Council Oak Way and is underscored with the name in the Muscogee language.

The southeast corner of the Council Oak Park has a marker which reads "Creek Nation Council Oak."

"The Boy Scouts of America and the City of Tulsa are to be commended for their fine efforts in preserving this as a memorial to our heritage," Berryhill said after the ceremony.

The main intent for the events of the Council Oak Ceremony is to commemorate and honor the courage, perseverance and the traditions of our ancestors, Berryhill said.

"Central to our people's strength is the fire and the traditions that surround it. Despite the traumatic losses of land, possessions and many loved ones, the heart of our traditions remain strong. Many of our fires have been extinguished but there always will be one burning for our people," he said.

Freedmen

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the representatives.

Ralph McIntosh, McIntosh's brother, said there are about 5,000 Creek Freedmen in the United States. One hundred are represented by the organization, he said. Membership is determined by lineal descent from the Dawes Commission rolls, McIntosh said.

Al Rolland, Yuchi Organization projects director and Polecat tribal town member, offered the Freedmen help in obtaining any vital information they may need.

In other tribal town developments:

-- The Tribal Town Confederacy has a bank balance of \$1,162 as of Sept. 30. A motion was made for the payment of September bills.

-- Toney Hill, Tribal Town Confederacy chairman and Greenleaf Micco, reported the center still needs to be completed. Hill suggested holding fundraisers to offset the cost of paint, doors and heating units.

-- Thomas Berryhill, executive committee member and Cussetah tribal town member, gave a short report on Thlophlocco, Alabama-Quassarte and Kialegee tribal towns. The three tribal towns have written resolutions requesting more monies from the BIA. They have requested the National Council come up with a resolution concurrent with theirs.

Berryhill said there is National Council opposition to the three tribal towns receiving acknowledgment or recognition. "I for one am promoting that status," Berryhill said.

Ed Frye, Creek District representative, reported that he has introduced a resolution supporting the Yuchi Tribal Organization's acknowledgment as a tribe. The resolution was passed at the National Council's last regular session.

Dr. John Moore, the organization's consultant, reported the Tribal Town Confederacy's census project has been sent to the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Moore said the diabetes research grant is at a standstill because the National Institutes of Health's fund process is "hung up in the federal budgeting process."

Chief

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gaming and health care funding.

Though reluctant to admit it, health may have been a significant factor in Cox' decision not to run. Cox, 77, had a growth on the big toe on his left foot diagnosed as tumorous early October.

The growth was contained in the toe and Cox had surgery to remove the growth Oct. 31 at Tulsa Regional Medical Center. His secretary, Bernice Hale, said Cox was treated on an outpatient basis and recovering at home.

Filing dates for tribal offices are Sept. 16-18, 1991. Though tribal elections will not be held until October 1991 Cox's decision leaves the chase for chief open.

To date, only Creek Nation second chief Perry Beaver has announced intentions to seek the tribe's top elected office.

An advertisement appeared in the National Indian Education Association's official program urging citizens to elect Ken Childers chief, but the National Council Speaker has said he has not decided whether or not to run. Childers said he had nothing to do with the ad.

In a letter to *The Muscogee Nation News* photocopied from National Council stationery, Childers said he has not made a decision to seek a nationwide office.

Childers did run for second chief in the 1983 election and was defeated by George Miller. He did not set a time for his decision.

Council

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Berryhill, suggested politics had nothing to do with his support of the code.

Referring to recent federal and state rulings and opinions, Berryhill said Indian Country has become a hands-off situation. "Are we going to wait until someone gets killed (before adopting a code)?" Berryhill asked the Council.

Despite the arguments the override failed by three votes.

The Council did override a veto of NCA 90-57, a bill establishing a legal rights protection office.

Cox vetoed the bill saying judicial reforms needed to be implemented before enactment.

Creek District Rep. Clarence Cloud said the bill was one of the better pieces of legislation considered by the Council and urged an override.

The override was successful.

The Council let stand a veto of NCA 90-98. A total of \$200,000 had been appropriated to the Tulsa Indian Community for land acquisition. The bill allowed the community to keep the money until March 31, 1991.

The community however, has been unable to find any suitable property for that price.

Cox contended that the money was not enough and should be returned to the tribal treasury and that the tribe should purchase the property rather than the community.

In other property action, the Council approved an oil and gas lease on tribal lands near Wetumka, in Hughes district. The lease with Alexander-Loop Oil Properties Inc., will pay the tribe a 20 percent royalty rate and a \$50 per acre bonus.

A bill directing the Chief to reimburse the agribusiness account from the Natural Resources contract was approved. The bill would place 85 percent of the contract funds into the agribusiness for three employee salaries, and for the fuel-oil-maintenance and the chemicals accounts.

Cox vetoed the bill Nov. 5. The Chief objected to the bill saying retroactive payments for work not performed on federal contracts violates regulations and that the bill is not fiscally sound.

Unless the bill is vetoed, five Liberty High School students will attend the Future Homemakers of America national convention thanks to a bill sponsored by Creek District Rep. Mose Cahwee.

Janice Tiger, secretary for the Liberty Schools'

Johnson-O'Malley program, said the students were excluded from the fundraising activities.

Okmulgee District Rep. Harvey Gilroy said the FHA convention is a school function and that the responsibility for the Indian students was with the school and not the Creek Nation.

Gilroy did vote yes for the bill.

In another appropriation, the Council approved \$7,500 to be split among participating ceremonial grounds in the Council Oak Ceremony with the Tulsa city officials Oct. 28. Each participating ground will receive \$500.

The Council also approved two resolutions.

The first, sponsored by 20 representatives, supports the efforts of the Yuchi Tribal Organization to receive federal recognition as a tribe and the organization's efforts to preserve its cultural identity.

The second resolution supports the Jane Milam's lawsuit against the state of Oklahoma in a probate case. Milam, of Calvin, is contending Oklahoma does not have jurisdiction to probate the estate of Indians.

The Council set its next meeting for Nov. 24.

Board

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the Board is filled.

The Supreme Court will hear the case Nov. 7.

In her application for judgement, Crow said she cannot determine when replacements to the board will be nominated and confirmed since historically there have been problems with filling vacancies for tribal positions.

"I know the (confirmation) process takes a long time," Crow said. "The health system is a priority I don't want to get caught up in delays."

Crow was appointed to the Health Board by Cox in 1988.

Cox said Crow's application is premature. On Oct. 30, Cox nominated Carney Roberts and Helen Coon to the board.

Roberts is a former speaker of the Council and has served successive terms as chairman of the Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo Executive Committee.

Coon is a former tribal employee and is active in Baptist church work.

Crow said, "We've been trying to get nominations for over a year. I can work with anyone."

Cox said the nominations were made after many people were considered.

"I don't think the tribe could come up with any better people (for the board)," Cox said. "Both are outstanding individuals who know Creek people and have worked with them for years. Both know about budgets, federal contracts and dealing with people."

Cox said if his nominations are approved by the Council, the health board could be removed out of the political forum and begin concentrating on delivering care and services to Indians.

Childers said he respected the people nominated.

"I think they're good nominees," Childers said. "I've known Mrs. Coon for a long time. I think there may be a controversy with Mr. Roberts because his wife is employed at the (Creek Nation Community) hospital."

Lerena Roberts is a medical records supervisor at the hospital.

McIntosh said he waited until the tribal health care system had a solid financial foundation before resigning.

"We're in better shape now to run the hospital and clinics," McIntosh said.

Winner

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the last number she needed to black out her card would be called next.

"...We were sitting and wishing that (No.) 7 would come up and she said, 'there it is!'"

She won the jackpot in the hall's Oct. 14 second regular session. The game was transmitted via satellite to 49 bingo halls across the nation and to an estimated 10,000 players nightly, according to Megabingo officials.

Lillie paid \$5 for two level I cards which offer a payout of \$100,000 if the player blacks out -- or covers all -- the numbers on the card in 50 numbers or less. She won on the 49th number.

Lillie said the amount she had won really didn't dawn on her for a few minutes.

"I was shakin' when I had to give them those stubs (admission slips to verify her winning). I was trying to get them and I was just shakin'."

Principal Chief Claude Cox, as well as Megabingo caller Brian Foster of Creek Nation's Tulsa Bingo, were on hand to congratulate Lillie.

"Chief Cox said if I'd bought the bigger card (Level II: which pays out \$500,000 on the coverall), I'd had that much more, but I said, 'I'm satisfied with what I got!'"

She came close to not getting her hands on the winning card at the outset. When she held up \$5 to buy two Level I cards, floor clerk David Sloan gave her only one card by mistake.

"He was trying to get away with my winning card," Lillie said, grinning.

The first person Lillie called was her daughter,

Lillian Thomas of Okmulgee, but she wasn't at home. So she told her son-in-law about winning.

"He didn't believe me; he probably thought I was joking," Lillie said.

After arriving at the bingo hall and being informed of the amount her mother had won, Lillian was astonished.

"This is the first time she's really gotten out since my father's death in '87," Lillian said.

Lillian said, "I think she just got lucky tonight."

Ray Barnett, Creek Nation's Okmulgee Bingo general manager, was just as excited as Lillie.

"Earlier that night I asked the crowd to put their heads together and bring that \$100,000 to Okmulgee," Barnett said.

"We were happy to have our first \$100,000 winner and for her to be Creek put the icing on the cake."

Lillie was paid \$1,000 the night she won. The rest, a \$99,000 check, was presented by Barnett and Megabingo operations director Mike Newell five days later at Creek Nation's Tulsa Bingo.

Lillie said she wasn't sure what she will do with her winnings. She did say she'll spend it wisely, starting first with buying a new car and getting rid of her 1981 Ford Fairmont.

Lillian said, "She's been talking about buying a car for a long time, but she didn't she could afford the payments."

Lillie can afford them now.

Councilor

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those people believe I can do the job."

Rhodes said she is not running on a ticket with Childers. Candidates for tribal chief and second chief have historically run separate campaigns. Filing dates for tribal elections are Sept. 16-18.

"I believe the second chief should be a working position," Rhodes said. "In other tribes, the second chief is out promoting and keeping up with their tribal developments."

Rhodes said she intends to be an active second

chief working with other tribes and governments promoting economic and educational development.

The tribal constitution says little about the second chief except for succession of the office of Principal Chief if it becomes vacant.

Rhodes, is the president-elect of NIEA, the largest intertribal organization in America. She also chairs the Council's human development committee.

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Quarterly financial statement

For quarter ending
Sept. 28, 1990

The Creek Nation's Office of the Treasury, as one of its major functions, produces a series of monthly budgetary and general ledger reports on all activities and programs of the Creek Nation. These reports are made available to appropriate management personnel and other interested parties.

The Office of the Treasury maintains an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for fund accounting in order to meet the standards and reporting requirements of the Government Finance Officers Association and the reporting requirements as established under the A-128 Single Audit Act.

Reports prepared under these standards tend to be technical and complex by nature, which may require a more in-depth understanding of both accounting principles and fund accounting than those reports of other entities.

In order to keep tribal members cognizant of the financial status of the Creek Nation, a summary financial statement is prepared and published quarterly. This statement has been prepared on a cash basis to reflect receipts and expenditures accumulated on year to date basis.

A detailed explanation of the reading of this statement is as follows:

RECEIPTS: Provides a year to date total of all cash collected for this program.

BUDGET: Provides the approved budget for the current fiscal year, for federal and tribal funds.

ENCUMBERED FUNDS: Provides totals, at the date of report, for commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services.

EXPENDED FUNDS: Provides totals for all obligations incurred and paid at the date of report.

UNENCUMBERED FUNDS: This gives the balance of the budget minus encumbered funds minus expended fund. This is the balance available for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Program Name	Receipts	Budget	Encumbered	Expended	Unencumbered
Treasury	20,425	10,000	0	8,613	1,387
General Taxes & License	825,983	561,646	0	394,683	166,963
Administration	1,402,723	1,362,611	0	1,357,069	5,542
Communications	277,810	277,535	0	270,450	7,085
Creek Nation Bingo	2,848,293	3,922,434	0	3,018,146	904,288
C.N. Permanent Fund	140,454	0	0	0	0
Tulsa C.N. Bingo Escrow	1,503,069	0	0	0	0
Tribal Budget 1990	1,380,415	1,455,643	0	1,225,341	230,302
Job Trng & Plcmnt Act	823,204	832,686	0	823,820	8,866
Job Trng & Plcmnt Act	93,910	127,517	0	127,517	0
Family Violence Prevention	8,511	8,073	0	7,770	303
IHS Tribal Mgmt. Grant	31,000	0	0	0	0
HHS-Headstart '89	108,236	137,768	0	98,765	39,003
Admini. on Aging '89	50,538	50,148	0	49,946	202
Com.Ser.Block Grant '89	0	3,359	0	3,359	0
Homeless Assist. act '89	3,093	3,033	0	2,993	40
Family Violence Prev. 89	13,592	13,960	0	13,913	47
HHS-Headstart '90	361,348	410,448	0	379,593	30,855
AOA-90	5,103	7,500	0	7,500	0
Com.Ser.Block Grant '90	11,944	12,027	0	12,027	0
L.I.H.E.A.P.	50,238	50,388	0	50,388	0
Child Serv. Title IV-B	43,773	48,688	0	48,041	647
Homeless Assist. Act '90	250	3,391	0	3,391	0
Family Violence Prev.	3,107	4,554	0	4,554	0
Com.Dev.Block Grant '87	0	445	0	445	0
Com.Dev.Block Grant '88	284,836	271,305	0	266,134	5,171
Ok. Dept Mental Health 89	15,000	15,000	0	15,000	0
Com.Dev.Block Grant 89	212,825	236,026	0	214,761	21,265
USDA-Food Distrib. 90	239,690	247,339	0	243,001	4,338
OIAC-Energy Assistance 90	13,400	13,400	0	10,622	2,778
AOA-USDA-Reimbursement	64,264	79,400	0	47,314	32,086
Headstart USDA-Reimburse	43,025	48,000	0	39,149	8,851
Euf. Dorm-Activity Fund	8,704	9,773	0	8,495	1,278
MNN Activity Fund	913	0	0	0	0
Court Clerk Act. Account	1,143	600	0	200	400
BIA-Adult Education	154,769	169,851	0	161,217	8,634
BIA-Aid to Tribal Gov	351,990	336,847	0	336,554	293
BIA-Community Services	118,343	119,272	0	119,272	0
BIA-Higher Education	612,436	615,724	0	614,938	786
BIA-Natural Resource	450,565	457,693	0	451,274	6,419
BIA-Adult Vocat. Trng	243,418	253,357	0	253,357	0
BIA-Credit & Finance	90,036	100,350	0	95,552	4,798
BIA-Other Employ. Assistance	18,064	18,766	0	18,766	0
BIA-JOM Early Childhood	13,488	12,839	0	12,839	0
BIA-Agriculture	186,035	198,904	0	198,904	0
BIA-Social Services	270,947	279,069	0	274,198	4,871
BIA-Housing	216,882	245,709	0	230,866	14,843
BIA-Real Estate Appraisals	112,264	116,143	0	116,126	17
BIA-Minerals & Mining	15,251	14,052	0	14,052	0
BIA-Water Resources	1,874	2,043	0	2,043	0
BIA-Other Real Estate	166,709	173,620	0	172,853	767
BIA-Eufaula Dorm (Maint)	574,082	459,507	0	334,971	124,536
BIA-Eufaula Dorm (Education)	830,869	706,089	0	696,128	9,961
BIA-Indian Chld. Welfare	2,899	674	0	674	0
BIA-Indian Chld. Welfare	0	9,631	0	9,631	0
Agri-Business/Dairy	56,512	58,740	0	53,787	4,953
CN Community Hospital	1,595	344,741	0	265,743	78,998
Community Health Representa	536	0	0	0	0
CN Outpatient Clinics	1,810	52,055	0	2,589	49,466
Okemah Econ Dev.	0	134	0	134	0
Sapulpa Clinic-3rd Party	4,349	4,735	0	3,370	1,365
Eufaula Clinic-3rd Party	11,074	22,640	0	281	22,359
Okmulgee Dental/3rd Party	1,715	0	0	0	0
Youth Svcs/Pro. Income	30	3,016	0	3,016	0
Alcohol/Substance Abuse	18,749	24,999	0	8,120	16,879
CN Community Hosp. 89	955,243	1,132,005	0	899,590	232,415
Com.Health Rep. 89	113,563	711,002	0	546,668	164,334
89 Outpatient Clinics	523,811	608,647	0	426,409	182,238
Development & Construction	7,169	17,550	0	14,763	2,787
Tribal Real Prop & Fac	677,658	918,722	0	908,046	10,676
Tribal-Property & Supply	71,928	69,082	0	40,978	28,104
Festival Committee 89	77,360	82,361	0	78,149	4,212
Totals	17,844,842	18,565,266	0	16,118,858	2,446,408



This loca' (turtle) can roam the December air, worryfree about stomp dancers using his shell as a lo'ca'-sau'kv (dancing rattle). Photo by Stephanie Berryhill.

Rvfo-ra'kko (Big Winter month) December

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Creek ready to defend his family, U.S.

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

OKMULGEE -- When Daniel Wind was a boy he admired his two uncles who were in the U.S. Marine Corps and Navy.

When he grew up he wanted to be just like them.

And like most little boys he liked playing war -- though he probably never believed that one day the game would be real. And he would have to leave his family to fight in a foreign country more than 8,000 miles away from home.

Wind, a 21-year-old Marine Corps Reservist, was informed Nov. 21 his battalion is being sent to Saudi Arabia.

Wind actually heard it on television before receiving a call from his battalion, the Marine Antitank (Tow) Co., 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division.

Wind said the news didn't come

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Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Daniel Wind, packs his gear before being deployed to Saudi Arabia. Wind, a U.S. Marine Corps Reservist, leaves behind a wife and four children.

Gulf crisis parallels Vietnam, vet says

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

TULSA -- The jungle rainforests Otis Dunn fought in more than 20 years ago are much different than the desert sands of Saudi Arabia.

But Dunn said he sees many parallels between the war he fought in Vietnam and the Persian Gulf crisis today.

He said he feels it's possible that, like Vietnam, a lot of lives will be lost because of the government playing politics.

"They say they're fighting over oil when the government pays the Indian just pennies to keep the wells slowed down," Dunn said.

Dunn said he believes with U.S. technology and the use of satellites Saddam Hussein could easily be targeted for assassination. He said he believes the U.S. wants to prolong the war for economic reasons.

"They've got satellites where they can zero in on a license plate, but it's a matter of economics. They want money made off of this war," said Dunn, Commander of the Mvskoke Nation Vietnam Era Veterans.

"They're saying it's costing the U.S. a billion dollars a month to keep those troops over there. Who's getting that money? The troops sure aren't."

Dunn said he feels that American hostages

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'91 budget given OK by officials

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- After months of haggling and two stop-gap budgets, the Muscogee (Creek) National Council approved a compromise budget package for fiscal year 1991 at a Nov. 29 special session.

The 29-member legislature agreed to the \$13.2 million budget after the Council's business and governmental services committee reached an agreement with Principal Chief Claude Cox on Nov. 28 to submit a budget for the Council's consideration.

The tribe was facing a shutdown in operations Dec. 1 because of an amendment attached to the last stop-gap budget.

"I don't like to get down to the wire with a deadline," Speaker Ken Childers said after the meeting. "This agreement shows, however, that the Constitutional checks and balances of the government work."

"That's the way its supposed to be -- no expenditures without the approval of the Council."

The Chief refused to sign the budget until he received Council approval for separate bills for fringe benefits and the last of three payments for an accounting firm hired in 1988 to audit tribal expenditures.

Cox, and Second Chief Perry Beaver, had been

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Judge: Directors must meet National Council approval

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court Justice Richard Lerblance ordered Principal Chief Claude Cox to comply with a tribal ordinance regarding the appointment and approval of directors.

Lerblance, confirmed to the tribe's high court in

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Council greetings

On behalf of the National Council, I would like to extend the best to you during this holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Ken Childers, National Council Speaker

Chief greetings

From all of us here at the complex, we wish each one of you a Merry Christmas and best wishes for a Happy New Year.
Claude Cox, Principal Chief

Letters to the editor

Hulbert reader claims penchant for Muscogee Creek females

In response to the comments about blood quantum in the November paper, I feel the need to toss in my two cents. Recruiting thin bloods to enroll (as citizens) is only to increase the numbers not the Indians. Anyone whose children are only one-half as much Indian as themselves has no credibility as an Indian. They are terminating the race in the most efficient way possible; breeding it out of existence. Soon there will be no one to cry for the disappearance of our once great race.

You young men listen to an old man. I have traveled the world for almost 30 years as a soldier and (a) sailor. I (have) seen three wars for this country and was an advisor for another. This is a long way of saying I have seen a lot of females of different races. None, of them, anywhere, can compare to an Indian girl for beauty or brains; especially the Creek girls.

Thank you,

P.S. I am not prejudiced. I associate freely with Cherokees.

Elisha Cole, Hulbert

Reader feels MNN slighted vets with lack of coverage

I am writing this letter after reading the November issue of *The Muscogee Nation News*. I am very disappointed that out of all the articles in the issue not once was there mention of any veteran or veteran activities. Since Nov. 11 is celebrated as Veteran's Day, it would seem appropriate for you to have something in the issue about veterans.

All over the state of Oklahoma, other Indian tribes were honoring their veterans with dinners, honor dances, parades or with some other activities. As a Vietnam veteran, I attended many of these events.

I hope that perhaps next year there might be an article recognizing those veterans who gave their lives for this country we call America and to say thank you to those who have served and are still serving this country.

Sincerely,

Otis Dunn, Commander, Mvskoke Nation Vietnam Era Veterans, Morris

EDITOR'S NOTE: Some Veterans Day activities were listed in the religion news in brief on Page 7 of the November issue.

Correction

Roosevelt T. and Thelman C. Derrisaw's names were misspelled in an anniversary notice in the November edition of *The Muscogee Nation News*. The Derrisaws celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary Oct. 26.

1990: The year in review



JIM WOLFE

MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS EDITOR

What a year.

To those observers of tribal happenings, 1990 must have given quite a stir to the heart.

News from the tribal capitol complex, as unusual, was good and bad. Events around the reservation were just as shocking and perhaps, more welcome.

Briefly, here are some of the high spots.

The 1990-91 National Council was seated

in January with 10 new members. Tulsa District Rep. Ken Childers retained his position as Speaker with a 16-12 vote over Okmulgee District Rep. George Almerigi.

Interestingly, Almerigi's U.S. Naval Reserve unit was activated Sept. 11 for Operation Desert Shield.

The '90-91 Council has been active. More than 120 bills have been considered this year. It's no where near the pace set by the 1988-89 Council that passed 177 ordinances.

Childers says the Council should be proud of its efforts in higher education, health care, and community support.

"We appropriated close to a half a million dollars to supplement the higher education program," Childers said. "We've appropriated money for chartered communities, seated a new Supreme Court justice, worked for more balanced, better working conditions for tribal employees and we authorized service contracts to continue program operations."

Childers said he believes the new Council members now realize the checks and balances of tribal government as provided for in the 1979 Constitution.

For Principal Chief Claude Cox, the year has been one of extremes.

Cox, 77, announced at the Inter-tribal Coun-

cil meeting in October that he would not seek reelection as chief.

"Twenty years has been long enough," Cox said at the time of his announcement.

He was given a formal reception at the Inter-tribal meeting. President George Bush, Governor Henry Bellmon and other dignitaries recognized Cox for his more than 20 years of tribal activities.

Physically, the Chief's year ended with surgery. He had the first toe of his left foot removed in November because it was cancerous.

Politically, Cox remained at odds with judicial branch and has been steadfast in his refusal to recognize the tribal courts.

Though he does not approve of the tribal court, he is willing to take a chance in other courts.

In August, Cox filed suit in federal district court against Indian Health Service because IHS contracting officer Steven Fast Wolf continues to claim the administration could not account for more than \$3 million in health care funds.

Cox finally got Bureau of Indian Affairs approval for trust status for the Muskogee bingo property.

"It's been hard to see the light at the end of the tunnel," Cox said.

A renewed spirit to preserve the cultural identity was nurtured this year. Okmulgee District Rep. Thomas Berryhill says the present system has failed to provide a place for the more traditional.

Now a tribal town confederacy is organized and is managing to accomplish quite a bit because of its dedication to a common cause and willingness to work.

With an election year approaching, those who believe they have been neglected by this tribal government, may reclaim their right to participate in the democratic process.

What's to expect in 1991? Certainly, there will be controversy.

A federal judge is expected to arbitrate the tribe's claim against the former managers of the Tulsa bingo hall. The IHS dispute may be settled.

We'll compare notes this time next year.

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Chief to seek BIA grants for Muskogee bingo hall

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Muskogee (Creek) National Council authorized the principal chief to seek grants from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to defray some of the cost of the proposed Muskogee bingo hall.

The tribe is applying for \$300,000 in BIA grants through the technical assistance and the economic development programs. If received, the money would be used to defer some of the construction costs. The Muskogee hall is expected to cost \$1.2 million. There is no assurance that the tribe will receive the money because the

grants are competitive.

The authorization was approved unanimously at the Council's Nov. 24 regular session.

No Muskogee bingo funding bill has been considered by the Council yet. Principal Chief Claude Cox said he wants to see the Muskogee bingo hall operating by the spring but that now appears unlikely.

"I hope there is a funding bill next session," Cox said. "We need to get the Muskogee hall up and running."

Cox said the Muskogee hall would generate at least \$500,000 annually for the tribe and could employ 60 people. If a funding bill is approved Cox said construction could complete the job within 90 to 120 days.

In other business, the Council:

-- approved the community development block grant awards. \$410,000 has been appropriated to chartered communities to be used in FY 1991.

-- approved a sand and gravel lease with Paul Grace for one year at a \$.20-per-yard royalty rate. The tribal land is located at 81st and Riverside in Tulsa and known as the Mackey Sand Bar site.

-- authorized the children and family services department to apply for federal grants for a child abuse program.

The Council delayed action on an Inter-tribal policy bill, the criminal and traffic code and consideration of a veto override of a bill that requires

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In Brief

Muskogee councilor announces he won't run for Principal Chief

MUSKOGEE -- Muskogee District Rep. Harley Little announced at the Nov. 29 special session of the Council that he will not seek the Office of the Principal Chief in 1991.

Little, a former Bureau of Indian Affairs field representative, had been mentioned as a possible candidate when Chief Cox announced he would not seek another term of office.

Little, who had a kidney transplant in 1987, has been advised by his physician not to seek the higher office to avoid the additional stress.

"It's nothing drastic, I'm just playing it cool," Little said.

Little said he will continue his regular activities, including refereeing high school athletics, and will seek re-election to the Council.

Family Services Department mailing suicide prevention info

OKMULGEE -- The Creek Nation Children and Family Services department will be mailing suicide prevention information to chartered communities. Program specialist Lucy Simpson said teen suicide rates increase during the holiday season and immediately after.

"We simply want communities to be aware of the possibility (of a suicide)," Simpson said. "This is a critical period and we urge everyone to spend more time with their children."

Task force created to provide assistance for communities

OKMULGEE -- The Community Social and Economic Task force has been created to assist chartered communities with self-government, economic development, social services and others.

"The task force was created in response to findings that existing chartered communities need direct guidance to promote local self-determination," project coordinator Steve Landsberry said.

Task force officers include: Willie Adams, chair; Woody Anderson, vice-chair; Leslie Stone, secretary; Terry Sellers, financial advisor; Jim Hill, social services coordinator; George Tiger, project coordinator and Landsberry.

For information contact one of the task force members at (918) 756-8700.

Commission picks deputy as interim Lighthouse Chief

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Lighthouse Commission has selected Okmulgee County Deputy Barton Williams as interim chief of Muskogee (Creek) Nation law enforcement until a full-time chief can be hired.

The Lighthouse Commission is a three-member panel composed of representatives from each branch of the tribal government created by ordinance for law enforcement.

The commission selected Williams at a Nov. 27 meeting.

Williams replaces Lighthouse security chief Richard Larney as head of the commission. Larney was approved as commission chief by the National Council in March.

Larney retained his position as security manager.

In a Nov. 16 letter signed by court clerk Lane Morgan, Larney was asked to serve tribal supreme court orders to the Bob Flake Insurance Co., of Tulsa, Citizens National Bank and Trust of Okmulgee, Creek Nation finance director David Bryant and tribal comptroller Robert Davis.

Larney refused to do so, saying later he did not want to violate those individuals' rights to due process.

An executive order released in November contends the lighthouse administration, funded by the Aid to Tribal Government contract, is for security purposes and not for tribal law enforcement.

Principal Chief Claude Cox said Larney works for the administration and not for the law enforcement commission.

Cox, commission chairman, said he was not notified of the Nov. 27 meeting and that no agenda for the meeting was presented to him.

Deputy court clerk Nancy Jukich said Cox's secretary Bernice Hale was called and told of the meeting. Hale said Chief was out of his office on Nov. 27.

According to an Oklahoma Attorney General's opinion issued in 1988, deputy sheriffs can hold office and serve as a tribal police officer.

Okmulgee County Sheriff Jim Hart told the *Okmulgee Daily Times* that he is encouraged by Williams' appointment and said he hopes Williams

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Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Dr. John Moore announces the Tribal Town Organization has received a \$750,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health at the organization's grand opening.

News of grant opens tribal towns center

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

OKEMAH -- There was reason to celebrate the grand opening of the Mvskokulle Etlwa Etelaketa's new Tribal Town Center.

Dr. John Moore, the organization's consultant, announced the organization will receive a \$750,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health.

The grant, to be used for diabetes research, will provide for four nurses from the University of Oklahoma's College of Nursing.

Moore said the project will train the nurses to provide culturally appropriate care to Indian people in a tactful manner.

Ed Frye, National Council Creek District representative, commended Toney Hill, tribal town organization chairman and Greenleaf

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Indian Gaming Conference

Florida Seminole sworn in as new commissioner

Incoming official praises Creek Nation bingo efforts

By JIM WOLFE
MNN Editor

TULSA -- The second member of the National Indian Gaming Commission was sworn to office at the national conference in Tulsa Nov. 27 and 28 at the Sheraton Kensington Hotel.

Joel Frank, a Florida Seminole and a member of the National Indian gaming Association board of directors, becomes the first Indian to be appointed to the commission.

The national commission was created by the 1988 federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. The law requires that the board have two Indians on it.

Commission chair Tony Hope was appointed to the Commission in May.

Frank said he expected to the commission to be an advocate of Indian gaming and not a hard-line regulatory agency.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation gaming commissioner Tim Harper said Frank's appointment is significant.

"The swearing-in of Frank as the second commissioner of the National Indian Gaming Commission puts the commission one step closer to becoming a viable, functioning regulatory office," Harper said.

Hope, too, said he expects the commission to be completed as soon as possible. An attorney with regulatory experience, Hope told the nearly 400 who attended the quarterly convention that he is interested in protecting the tribes interest.

"I don't see any need to regulate things that don't need to be regulated," Hope said. "A very high percentage of the games I've seen over the last five months since I took office are very well run."

Hope said the Creek Nation has a very efficient gaming operation and would need little from the commission.

"I plan to give Claude (Cox) a wide berth," Hope said.

Harper said he expects the tribe to become one of the first to receive a certificate of self-regulation.

"The NIGA annual conference provided an excellent opportunity to allow other Indian gaming tribes and commission staff members to view the successful Creek Nation development of gaming activities through positive regulation," Harper said.

City official accuses Chief Justice of improper mileage claims

EUFULA -- A Eufaula city councilman has accused Muscogee (Creek) Nation chief justice Joe Johnson of filing mileage reimbursements with the city and the tribe for the same trip.

City Councilman John Sellers alleged that Eufaula mayor Joe Johnson used a city vehicle to attend a tribal court meeting and sought reimbursements from both agencies.

Court records indicate Johnson received and

Gaming conference notes

TULSA -- There is an old saying among journalists that says at any national convention, the real news is being made away from the meetings and behind the scenes. The NIGA conference at the Sheraton Kensington Hotel in Tulsa was no exception...

Several representatives from across Indian Country were certain that NIGA Commission chair Tony Hope had a secret agenda and intended to regulate Indian gaming out of existence. Hope made himself available to those attending the conference during a question and answer session Wednesday. Too many people were posturing rather than questioning Hope and his motives. Hope, the son of entertainer Bob Hope, is not an Indian.

A Menominee representative said race had nothing to do with her trusting him. She won't trust him because he is a lawyer...

Hope said he wasn't going to bother those tribes that have demonstrated the ability to regulate gaming activities. When asked about the Creek Nation, Hope said he was going to give Chief Claude Cox a wide berth. Cox did not attend the conference. His wife, Lily, had been hospitalized and Cox stayed in Okmulgee to hammer out a budget agreement...

Indian activist Russell Means, a Lakota Sioux, is a militant entrepreneur these days. Means is now in the fur business. Means had several fur coats, stoles and jackets modeled during the convention. He is working on his autobiography and expects its releases next summer...

If there was displeasure with the appointment of Joel Frank to the national commission, it wasn't voiced too loudly. Frank, a Florida Seminole, is the first of two Indians to be appointed to the commission. He did not offer publicly a suggestion for the third member...

Despite his status as commissioner, Hope said he would have nothing to do with the selection of the final commission member. That didn't stop any lobbying efforts for that third spot. Wilma Robinson, a Creek working for economic development for the Choctaw Nation, was suggested to Hope by a member of the Creek delegation. Robinson would seem to be an ideal candidate for the commission: a female Creek republican from Oklahoma. Robinson, who did not attend the conference, said she was approached by U.S. Senator Don Nickles, D-Okla., about sitting on the commission. Robinson said she is honored but does not want to leave her Durant home to live in Washington, D.C.: "I'm an Oklahoma girl."

The Choctaw Nation was awarded a defense contract recently. Choctaw second chief, Greg Pyle said his tribe got together with electronics giant Texas Instruments through scouting. As Pyle tells it, one of the women in tribal government, active in Cub Scout activities, met a TI executive at a Scout event and began talking about possible joint ventures between the Choctaws and TI. From that initial conversation, the tribe was able to land a contract for sheet metal forming and aluminum air frame assembly.

returned a \$26 mileage reimbursement check from the tribal court accounts.

Johnson told the *Muscogee Phoenix* that the matter was a misunderstanding and that Sellers' claims were politically motivated.

Principal Chief Claude Cox said his office would not seek any action in the matter.

"It's our position that this is a matter between Johnson and the city of Eufaula," Cox said.

New law meant to eliminate fraud in Indian art sales

By TOMMY CUMMINGS
MNN Managing Editor

Muscogee (Creek) artists have mixed feelings about a new law meant to weed out fraudulent Indian artists.

The law, signed in late November by President Bush, will impose steep civil and criminal penalties for artists or business misrepresenting goods as being produced by Indians when they are not.

The bill is known as Public Law 101-644 created by U.S. House Bill 2006.

Individuals can be fined up to \$250,000 and imprisoned five years for a first offense. Groups or businesses can be fined up to \$1 million for the first offense.

Johnny Tiger Jr., a prominent Muskogee artist who sells commercial print designs of his work, welcomes the new law. He said he's heard of some artists marketing Indian art and not being able to prove their Indian lineage.

"A lot of people will say it's better and it probably is," Tiger said. "I'm just going to do my own thing."

Some artists' efforts, however, will be affected by the law.

Tommy Steinsiek, curator of the Creek Nation Council House Museum in Okmulgee, has painted art about Indian culture for years. But she won't put any more of her Indian art for sale.

She said her only proof of Indian ancestry is a letter from Principal Chief Claude Cox. Steinsiek said she is Creek and Cherokee, but never stressed her lineage in shows in which she competed.

"I've always had a personal problem because I never felt I was enough Indian," she said. "I never claimed to be Indian. I'd always introduce myself as having Creek and Cherokee ancestry."

The scope of the law is not fully understood, Steinsiek said.

"I can see where it's going to cause some major problems. It's going to hurt a lot of people who enjoy painting Native American art."

"And I can see the other side. The Indian people before the Europeans came were very powerful and they were stripped of everything. Now we're getting to the point where the Indians are regaining some of their power and they're rightfully reclaiming what's a part of them."

Steinsiek said she going to reserve her opinion until she gets a copy of the bill.

In the meantime, art from a wholesale distributor at the museum will not be sold. Other items Steinsiek said she knows were done by Indian artists will continue to be sold.

Ruth Jones Blaylock, a Bacone College instructor who judges numerous Indian art shows, said she "very enthusiastic" about the law.

"Personally, I didn't believe I would see it in my lifetime. You can compare it to the Europeans seeing the Berlin Wall coming down. It's just wonderful."

"I just hope it's enforced."

Muskogee artist Joan Hill, a Creek-Cherokee, said she has mixed reactions because many of her friends who enjoy creating Indian art will be affected.

"I just don't want to take sides," Hill said. "It's going to have an effect at the art shows. People there just don't ask other people if they're Indian."

"That's all going to change."

Centers putting dinner on tables for Christmas

Eufaula

EUFULA -- Eufaula Indian Community will host Christmas dinner 11 a.m. Dec. 22 and other yuletide activities throughout December.

-- Community children are preparing fruit baskets to present to Indian elders living in local nursing homes. The children will deliver the fruit baskets following the Dec. 22 dinner.

-- All Eufaula Indian Community elders interested in touring Christmas lights in Tulsa should be at the community center at 5 p.m., Dec. 15.

-- A Christmas party for community employees will be 7 p.m. Dec. 19 at Arrowhead Lodge.

-- Five young Eufaula Indian Community members ran for the title of Eufaula Indian Community Little Miss. The participants, ages 5 to 12, competed for the title by placing cans, with their pictures on front, in local stores. Each penny received was worth one vote.

Winning for the second consecutive year was Beth Brown with \$167.49 in votes. Gina McGirt was second, Sammy Jo Marshall, third; Marjorie Lewis; fourth and Marissa Lewis placed fifth. Lewis McGirt won the added category of Eufaula Indian Community Little Brave.

The contestants raised \$347, said Jerry Francis, community activity coordinator.

The children received \$10 each for their efforts and rode in the community's second-place float in the Eufaula Christmas Parade.

Pageant proceeds benefit the community's Christmas food drive for needy Indian families. The community's goal is to feed three families. In addition to groceries, the families will receive \$50 for meat, Francis said.

Duck Creek

DUCK CREEK -- Duck Creek Indian Community's annual Christmas dinner will be 6 p.m. Dec. 15 in the Liberty High School cafeteria. The community is selling chances on four steel-belted tires for \$1 a ticket. The community also is raffling a clock at three tickets for \$1.

Tickets for both raffles may be purchased from Indian community members. The tires and clock will be given away at the Christmas dinner. You need not be present to win.

Kellyville

KELLYVILLE -- Kellyville Indian Community will be trying to construct a first-place float for the Kellyville Christmas Parade, which begins 11 a.m. Dec. 8. The community has placed third the past two years.

-- Pauline Heitt was elected chairperson of the center in a recent election. Other officers are Dorothy Lee, vice-chairperson; Beverly Watashe, secretary; Martha Jo Burris, treasurer and Charles Watashe, reporter.

Okmulgee

OKMULGEE -- Okmulgee Indian Community's Christmas dinner and regular meeting will be 6 p.m. Dec. 10. The community will provide the turkey and ham. Those attending should bring covered dishes. Community members will discuss



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Pauline Haney, Glenpool Community chairperson, speaks to those attending the Glenpool Indian Community Center grand opening.

Christmas activities and the donation of food baskets to needy families.

-- The community also will have a raffle drawing that night for a trip to Las Vegas or a \$400 cash prize. Proceeds will defray expenses for Patrick Factor of Bixby to participate in the 1991 Sooner Stampede all-star football games in eastern Europe. Factor must raise \$2,795 in travel costs, which includes all air and land transportation, visas, taxes, equipment (except shoes), meals, security, etc. Raffle tickets are \$5 each.

Sapulpa

SAPULPA -- Sapulpa Indian Community will have its Christmas dinner from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 22. Those attending should bring a covered dish.

-- The community will elect officers at 7 p.m. Dec. 10.

-- Nancy Frazier, Tulsa County Department of Human Services Foster Care social worker, spoke with community members last month. Frazier encouraged Indian couples to offer foster homes to children in temporary custody of DHS.

Wilson

WILSON -- Wilson Indian Community's Christmas dinner and gift exchange will be 7 p.m. Dec. 17. Those attending should bring a gift and covered dish.

Glenpool

GLENPOOL -- A food sale and arts and crafts fair sponsored by the Yuchi Tribal Organization will be hosted by the Glenpool Indian Community Dec. 8, beginning at 11 a.m.

-- The last portion of a \$10,000 grant, which the community received from St. Francis Hospital last month, is enabling the community to offer emergency assistance again. To receive assistance, a person must live within the boundaries of the Glenpool Indian Community.

-- During the middle of December the community giftshop will begin selling T-shirts with the community's logo.

Smokeshop owner in Kellyville says security 'a concern'

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

KELLYVILLE -- Two smokeshop robberies within a two-week period at the Kellyville Indian Community Center has the smokeshop's co-owner disappointed in security.

Shirley Brown, smokeshop co-manager, said burglars who stole nearly \$8,000 in major brand cigarettes could not be caught even if an alarm system was purchased because of the length of time it takes the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Lighthorse Administration or federal marshals to arrive at the center.

"There's really a concern (for security) in this area," Brown said.

Brown said the problem is compounded because of Principal Chief Claude Cox's veto of proposed tribal criminal codes -- "I know he voted it out," she said.

In his veto message, Cox wrote that the criminal codes were politically motivated. The codes may be considered again at the December National Council meeting.

Cox has issued an executive order which refrains the LHA from performing any type of law enforcement duties.

"Whatever response time is, we're not police officers," said Richard Larney, LHA Security Chief.

Larney said the Division of Tribal Affairs office, which is responsible for tribal facilities, issued an order requiring the LHA to stay on its own base.

Buddy York, director for the division of tribal affairs, said security is the community's responsibility.

LHA responsibilities in regard to responding to burglaries on tribal land are merely to collect information to file insurance reports, York said.

On Oct. 31, the morning of the first burglary, Brown said she called the Creek County Sheriff's Department. Brown said the Sheriff's Department told her it had no jurisdiction on Indian land, although they would send out a deputy.

Creek County Sheriff Doug Nichols said Brown reported the burglary at 7:16 a.m. A dispatcher

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Glenpool Community official steps down over technicality

GLENPOOL -- A Creek holding the Glenpool Indian Community position of sergeant of arms has relinquished his duties because of inconsistencies with the community's constitution and by-laws.

Carl Stout, former sergeant of arms, is less than one-quarter Muscogee. Jim Wilde, community vice-chairperson, said an officer's being a full citizen (one-fourth or more) is set up in the community charter, which is based on the Muscogee Constitution.

According to the constitution, Creeks who are less than one-quarter Muscogee are entitled equal rights as full citizens except the right to hold office.

A community meeting to discuss possible amendment of that particular section of the constitution will be discussed at the community's next regular meeting, Wilde said.

Okemah

OKEMAH -- Country Gospel will be the featured singers at the Okemah Indian Community gospel singing, beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 15. No admission will be charged.

-- The community's Christmas dinner will be at 6 p.m. Dec. 22. The community's monthly bingo game will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 8. One pack of 20 games will be sold for \$5. Prizes will be groceries.

-- The community's flea markets, held every weekend, now are scheduled 1 to 5 p.m. Fridays. The flea market is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Wetumka

WETUMKA -- Wetumka Indian Community will have a Christmas dinner for its elders at noon Dec. 20.

Okfuskee

OKFUSKEE -- Okfuskee Indian Community welcomed more than 50 people to the grand opening of its center last month. Annie Hicks, community treasurer, said attendance was good despite poor weather. Among those present: Okfuskee District Reps. Eugene Birdcreek, Bill Fife and Clyde Johnson; Okfuskee County Commissioner David Seaton and Mason High School Principal Richard Harjo.

Hanna

HANNA -- Hanna Indian Community will host a food bingo at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 8. Cards will be sold at 25 cents each.

-- The community will host a pie supper 6:30 p.m. Dec. 15. Those attending should bring a pie to auction. Proceeds benefit the community's Christmas activities.

-- At noon Dec. 22, the community will host a Christmas dinner.

-- The community is selling wood for \$25 a rick, \$30 if delivered. The community still has silver-smith classes at 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

Tulsa

TULSA -- Tulsa Indian Community's Christmas dinner and program will be at the Bowen Indian Baptist Church, 1515 E. Independence St., Dec. 8. Dinner will be served at 3 p.m. The program follows at 4 p.m. A free nursery will be provided for children ages 3 and younger. Candy sacks and prize drawings will be given away. Entertainment will be provided by "Toot" the clown.

-- Shelly Crowe is the newly-elected community chairperson. Other officers are Ruth Betsillie, vice-chairperson; Gloria Lowe, secretary; Victor Childers, treasurer and Jimmy Wildcat, sergeant at arms.

-- The community has cancelled its regular meeting this month. Announcements regarding the January meeting will be mailed out that month.

Bristow

BRISTOW -- Bristow Indian Community will have a Christmas dinner at 6 p.m. Dec. 22. Those attending should bring a covered dish.

-- The community reinstated its officers, with the exception of chairperson, last month. Berniece Watson was elected chairperson. Other officers are Jerry Riley, vice-chairperson; and Pat Presson, secretary/treasurer.

Holdenville

HOLDENVILLE -- Holdenville Indian Community

In Brief

Creek places first in traditional contest at Miss Indian pageant

TULSA -- Marcy Renee Skeeter, a Creek-Yuchi from Tulsa, won first place in the Miss Indian U.S.A. traditional competition in Washington, D.C.

Skeeter, a sophomore at Central State University in Edmond, was one of 21 young Indian women who were chosen from throughout the United States.

In the traditional competition, she gave an explanation, history and demonstration of shaking turtle shells. She won second in the contemporary talent competition by choreographing a modern dance routine in which she incorporated segments of a cheerleading dance number she learned at Oklahoma State University.

Her sponsor was Miss Indian Tulsa/Junior Miss Indian Tulsa committee. She received letters of support from distinguished members of the Indian and non-Indian communities, including a letter from Creek Second Chief Perry Beaver.

At Washington, Skeeter attended a veteran's powwow as an invited guest. The two-day dance was sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Washington, D.C. chapter of the Vietnam Era Veterans Association. She was the organization's 1989 princess.

Skeeter addressed the veterans attended the powwow saying, "my year of wearing the Vietnam Veterans Princess title taught me to appreciate the sacrifices that men and women in the service make to defend us at home."

She told the veterans, "I met many veterans in Oklahoma and other states who became very special to me. I look upon them as my uncles because they treated me so well. I've come to respect the difficulties they faced."

"I have close cousins who fought in Vietnam. I want to say thank you for fighting to help preserve our freedom."



will host a Christmas program at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 22.

Coweta

COWETA -- Coweta Indian Community's Christmas dinner will be 2 p.m. Dec. 15.

-- Last month, the community began its Mvskoke language class with more than 50 students enrolled.

Checotah

CHECOTAH -- Checotah Indian Community will host a Christmas party for the community's children at 6 p.m. Dec. 18.

Dewar

DEWAR -- Houston Hicks was elected chairman of the Dewar Indian Community at its election of new officers. Other officers: Houston Hicks, chairperson; Sara Williamson, vice-chairperson; Eliza Hicks, secretary; and Helen Bible, treasurer. The community also elected a three-person smokeshop committee,

Skeeter is currently Miss Indian Tulsa. She held the Mvskoke Chapter of Vietnam Veterans Princess title and was the OSU Native American Student Association Princess. Her parents are Archie and Ramona Mason and Andrew and Carmelita Skeeter of Tulsa.

Okmulgee High School crowns Creek senior 1990 Band Queen

OKMULGEE -- Sherry Mitchell, Creek, was crowned Okmulgee High School Band Queen.

Mitchell, a senior in the band, has attended All-District Band and Solo and Ensemble contests. She has served as junior and sophomore class president and freshmen vice-president. She is Student Council secretary, Band treasurer, Fellowship of Christian Athletes president and National Honor Society vice-president. Other activities: Academically Talented, French Club, Mathletes, Future Business Leaders of America and the Academic Bowl Team. She also has participated in science fairs, regional science fair, the all-school play and the all-school musical.

Her honors and awards include student of the month, honor roll, Band Director's Outstanding Student Award, Outstanding Drum Major at Konawa Band Day, Presidential Letter "O", Oklahoma Honor Society, Who's Who Among High School students, University of Oklahoma Honor Scholar, Oklahoma City University Honor Scholar.

She is a volunteer for Red Ribbon Week, the Great American Smoke-Out, Adopt-A-Highway, the Salvation Army Food Drive, Manna Day and the Red Cross Blood Drive. She is in the youth group at First Baptist Church, active in the youth choir and council. She also is a Vacation Bible School helper.

She received the DAR Good Citizen Award (certificate and pin), making her eligible for a scholarship to the college of her choice.

After graduation her plans are to attend OU and major in engineering.

Mitchell is the daughter of Thomas and Elaine Mitchell, the granddaughter of the late Rocky and Margaret (Canard) Mitchell and the great-granddaughter of the late Chief Rolly Canard.



responsible for traveling to various community smokeshops to educate themselves on operation procedures before opening their workshop. Committee members are Houston Hicks, Eliza Hicks and Jenks Hamilton.

Muskogee

MUSKOGEE -- The Muskogee Indian Community reinstated its officers. Richard Posey is president; Grace Escoe, vice-president; Loretta Purdine, secretary; Lena Primeaux, treasurer; Newton Cole, sergeant at arms; and Bill Washington, chaplain.

Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA CITY -- The Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association hosted a dinner in commemoration of its fifth year anniversary and recognized its first charter board of directors. The directors are Joy Harris, Betty Proctor, Jane Milam, Stephanie Yazzie, Ruty Dickey, Alice Wood, George Bunny, Rufus (Buddy) Cox and Mae Jackson. Yazzie is the OCMA princess.

Community Profile

Year-round activities keep young Eufaula community hopping

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs

EUFULA -- If not the most active community in Creek Country, the Eufaula Indian Community ranks high among the most active communities in the Muscogee Nation.

With the help of Jerry Francis, community activity coordinator, this fairly young community has offered a variety of year-long activities and services for its youth and elders for the past two years.

The community received its charter in 1984.

In early 1987, the community's smokeshop -- its primary source of income -- was built. Eufaula follows Okmulgee Indian Community, which paid more tobacco taxes than any community smoke-shop in fiscal year 1990, at a close second with \$65,000, said Pat McGirt, smokeshop manager and community board member.

The community smokeshop, giftshop and bingo hall employs 40 Creeks, McGirt said. The community's combined payroll is \$200,000 per year, he said.

Francis said the community has 40 members with around 25 to 30 of them active. But most of its members are young adults, he said.

"A lot of the older ones can't make it out or don't like to get out when it's dark," Francis said.

Among activities and benefits offered by the community: A Little Miss and Little Brave pageant for community children ages five through 12.

Proceeds from the pageant benefit a Christmas food fund to provide groceries for needy Indian families.

It is evident that this community is overtaken by the Christmas spirit of giving.

This month, the community gave Christmas donations of \$1,000 each to Little Coweta, Okfuskee, Artussee, Tuskegee, West Eufaula and Big Arbor Indian churches. The community also has set aside \$1,500 to winterize homes of elder community members (55 and over) for the third consecutive year.

For the past four years the community has participated in the Eufaula Christmas parade. In both '87 and '88 the community took first place.

In '89 the community "didn't fair too well," Francis said. And this year the community placed



Photo by Elliot Barnett

Eufaula Indian Community members prepare to have a picnic, one of their many year long activities.

second.

This month, Francis will be taking the community elders to Tulsa to view the Christmas lights.

And in May the community will offer four \$250 scholarships to Eufaula High School Seniors.

In the summer months, the community sponsors the Eufaula Indian Community girls softball team. The team of girls, ages six to 12, is coached by Francis.

Last July the community sent a team of youths to participate in the Muscogee Nation Youth Olympics. They returned with 11 medals.

The yearly highlight of the community's activities occurs during the Labor Day weekend with its pow wow. In conjunction with the pow wow several tournaments, such as dominos, archery, softball and volleyball, also are played.

Throughout the year Francis often takes the community children skating in Eufaula. And in the winter months community members get together every Monday night at the local grade school gym to play basketball.

Francis said she believes one of the reasons his community is active is because members act on things they plan to do. "It's just getting involved and doing it instead of just sitting back and talking about it," Francis said.

Leona Colbert, community chairperson, said "We try to reach all ages; we're trying to do something for all."

Community officials said they hope to be get-

ting a bigger building for their booming smoke-shop business.

Because of many travelers who frequent their smokeshop in the summertime the community has begun accepting credit cards and checks from all over the United States.

Last year, the Muscogee National Council overrode Principal Chief Claude Cox's veto of a bill allowing the Eufaula Indian Community funds for the construction of a new building for a smokeshop and giftshop.

The money is in a trust account, although "Chief refuses to sign the contract," McGirt said.

Cox contends that the community has not gone through the three-bid process, which is in violation of federal contracting statutes. Therefore, Cox will not sign the contract until the community abides by the three-bid process.

The community plans to make the new building large enough to provide a nursery, free of charge, for all the community employees. The community currently has set aside \$2,000 to purchase glasses for community members (ages 18-55) who cannot obtain assistance from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The community also offers emergency assistance to registered members of the community.

"If anyone needs help we'll help them; but if we run out of funding we'll do everything we can to help them," McGirt said.

In Brief

Pre-med major from Henryetta participates in fellowship program

EUREKA, Ill. -- William Wind of Henryetta, Okla. and sophomore at Eureka College, participated in the 1990 Minority Leaders' Fellowship program.

Wind, a pre-med major, conducted research at Charles R. Drew Medical School in Silver Springs, Md., concerning health care programs and their effectiveness in Third World countries, particularly in Swaziland, Africa.

He investigated reasons for the high infant mortality rate and the HIV virus epidemic. His research revealed that the needed health care organizations are available. The problem is

getting people at the facilities for preventive education and treatment.

Wind visited hospital wards where beds were filled with AIDS victims and cocaine-addicted infants.

"My ambition to pursue neurosurgery as my profession has mellowed into considering the avenue of public health care," Wind said. "That's where I see the need."

Wind, at a leadership conference in Washington, D.C., also met Nelson and Winnie Mandela, Coretta Scott King, Jesse Jackson and Dr. James



Hildreth.

Wind, a Reagan Scholar, was selected from more than 200 applicants from across the country. Five scholars are chosen yearly and competition is based on academic achievement, service to community and leadership potential.

Wind is the son of Daniel and Anna Wind of Henryetta.

Two Creek runners compete in cross-country meet in New York

NEW YORK, N.Y. -- Creek citizens Miltona Denny and Jessica Anquoe competed in the USA/Kinney TAC National cross-country championships at Van Courtland Park.

Denny of Glenpool, Okla., and Anquoe of Norman, Okla., were among 60 young American Indian runners who participated in the meet on Thanksgiving weekend.

Legislative Overview

<h1>How They Voted</h1> <p>Nov. 24/29 Council meetings</p>	NCA 90-107 A bill approving funding for tribal community block grants. Passed: 22 yes, 3 no.	NCA 90-94 A bill approving a sand and gravel lease for the Mackey Sand Bar in south Tulsa. Passed: 16 yes, 9 no.	NCA 90-109 A bill authorizing family services department to apply for federal grants. Passed: 20 yes, 0 no, 4 abstain.	NCA 90-108 A bill authorizing application for management and technical assistance funds for Creek Nation's Muskogee Bingo. Passed: 24 yes, 0 no.	
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Richard Berryhill, Wagoner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Larry Bible, Tulsa	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Eugene Birdcreek, Okfuskee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Johnson Buck, Hughes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Robert Buck, Hughes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Mose Cahwee, Creek	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	
Ken Childers, Tulsa	Did not vote	Did not vote	Did not vote	Did not vote	
Helen Chupco, Muskogee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Clarence Cloud, Creek	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Helen Duncan, Wagoner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bill Fife, Okfuskee	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Ed Frye, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tony Hale, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Mae Jackson, Okfuskee	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes	
Clyde Johnson, Okfuskee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Frank Kamp, McIntosh	Yes	No	Abstain	Yes	
Charlie Litsey, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	
Harley Little, Muskogee	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Tommy Newton, McIntosh	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Tom Pickering, McIntosh	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Donna Rhodes, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Absent	Absent	
Earl Wheeler, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Jerry Wilson, Tulsa	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Thomas Yahola, Hughes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

CA 90-114 A bill authorizing application for economic development funds for Creek Nation's Muskogee. Passed: 24 yes, 0 no.	NCR 90-10 A resolution urging application for Indian adult education program funds. Passed: 24 yes, 0 no.	NCA 90-116 A bill approving the Fiscal Year 1991 Comprehensive Budget. Passed: 26 yes, 1 no.	NCA 90-117 A bill changing the work statements in the Aid to Tribal Government and Natural Resources contracts. Passed: 26 yes, 1 no.	NCA 90-118 A bill approving the auditor for Fiscal Year 1990. Passed: 22 yes, 4 no.	NCA 90-119 A bill authorizing full benefits for the Principal Chief. Passed: 22 yes, 3 no, 1 abstain.
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National director: AIDS education helps prevention

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL
MNN Community Affairs Writer

TULSA -- Fifty percent of cases of Indian women with Acquired Immuno-Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) are intravenous (IV) drug users.

The other 50 percent are sexual partners of IV drug users.

"You can't think of Indian women with AIDS without thinking of IV drug use," Dr. Emmett



Chase, Indian Health Service national AIDS coordinator, said at the recent Native American HIV/AIDS Conference.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), which destroys infection-fighting white blood cells and causes AIDS, is prevalent among one in every 1,000 Indian women, said Chase, who was appointed the position at IHS headquarters in Albuquerque, N.M.

In a six-month period Indian women and men, who are IV drug users, have an average of 60 sex partners, Chase said.

The addictions of the Native American population play a great role in the HIV/AIDS problem.

Chase refers to drugs such as alcohol, caffeine and cigarettes as "gateway drugs" to AIDS.

"Smokers are more likely to use IV drugs," therefore if they use IV drugs they are at higher risk to HIV infection, he said.

Chase, a Hupa Tribe member, said he feels that Indian women should be targeted with safer sex practices information, such as how to use condoms.

Chase said he feels men need to be given safer sex messages also, but may be harder to reach because Indian males ages 15 to 45 rarely are seen in clinics.

Not only does he see concern for targeting Indian men and women, but he said he wants to help youth through safe sex education in the public schools.



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Mike Haney, Seminole-Lakota, prepares the cedar for the cedar buring ceremony conducted at the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt.

And not only do high risk groups need to be educated, but also tribal leaders, Chase said.

There needs to be AIDS education and increased awareness of tribal leaders, so they can advocate funds for prevention measures within their tribes, he said.

Chase, as well as Ted Karpf, HIV/AIDS program liaison specialist for the U.S. Public Health Service in Dallas, said traditional Indians and medicine men play a major role in solving the HIV/AIDS problem.

"I'm very much in favor of involving traditional leaders in doing any type of HIV intervention," Chase said.

"Their (traditional leaders) input on anything from condom use to sexual behavior was very beneficial to anything our advisory group did," Chase said of an HIV/AIDS advisory board he served on.

Since assuming his position in June, Chase has designed new policies and protocol in regard to HIV/AIDS.

Among that protocol: the notification of partners of those who are infected with the HIV.

Chase said IHS needs to implement:

-- More personnel to deal with the HIV/AIDS situation on a local level.

-- Counseling and testing.

-- A privacy act to be enforced in communities to assure confidentiality of records.

-- More training substance and the use of Indian people with AIDS as part of the training.

-- A way to address homeless Native Americans and Alaska Natives and to make sure they have medical services.

-- A way to encourage use of AIDS treatment drugs.

-- Early intervention and treatment.

"IHS needs to support tribal efforts and trust that they will do the right thing," Chase said.

Last year, IHS had \$2.3 million for AIDS programs.

This year, IHS had \$1.5 million for services to 1.5 million people.

"Approximately \$1 for each person," Chase said.

Chase estimated that next year IHS will receive only \$700,000 in funding for AIDS programs.

Health In Brief

Creek Nation health care system to provide mental health services

OKMULGEE --Creek Nation Health Care System will provide comprehensive mental health and alcohol/substance abuse services through its new Behavioral Health Care Program.

The program was approved at the Creek Nation's Hospital and Clinics Board meeting in October.

The services are being offered at Creek Nation Health Care System facilities in Okemah, Sapulpa and Eufaula. The program is dedicated to the prevention, early identification, treatment and aftercare of mental health and substance abuse/dependency problems.

The programs will be staffed by licensed, certified and registered personnel. The staff includes John G. Jones, PhD psychologist; Di-

analee Skeen, counseling psychologist; Negiel Bigpond, alcohol/substance abuse counselor; Earnestine Boatman, alcohol intake clerk; and Gale Smith, secretary-receptionist.

Specific services offered include: individual therapy, group therapy, marital therapy, family therapy, substance abuse/alcohol counseling, referral/consultation/liaison services, comprehensive psychological testing program and in-service training/education programs.

Indian clinic in California dedicated to Will Sampson during ceremony

BELLFLOWER, Calif. -- The American Indian Free Clinic was dedicated in memory of the late Will "Sonny" Sampson, an acclaimed actor born and raised in Okmulgee County in Oklahoma.

Sampson had served on the clinic's board and supported the Los Angeles County facility.

Sampson's mother, Mabel Hill, and sister, Norma Sampson Bible, attended the ceremonies on Oct. 20. The dedication ceremony consisted of prayers

and blessings in Native American languages and tributes to Sampson from local dignitaries who also served on the clinic board.

Speaking for the Sampson family, Norma Bible said, "We want all of Sonny's friends and relatives here in Oklahoma to know he has not been forgotten, as this latest honor has proven."

Mrs. Hill was presented a plaque which replicated the dedication plaque mounted on the clinic. It read: "In memory of Will Sampson, Board Member and Humanitarian."

State group awards medallions to two Creek CHRS for service

TULSA -- Tressia Ables and Augusta Anderson, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Community Health Representatives, were presented the CHR Medallion by the Oklahoma Area Association of CHRs. The medallion is given to CHRs for distinguished devotion, high standard of performance and service to communities and people.

Coleman Byrd

HANNA -- The Rev. Coleman L. Byrd, 95, of Hanna died Nov. 7. The Rev. Byrd was born Oct. 22, 1895, in Hanna. He was a minister and member of Weogufkee Indian Baptist Church. Services were Nov. 12 at Weogufkee Indian Baptist Church. Burial was in the Weogufkee Cemetery. Survivors: three daughters Irene Powell, JoAna Perryman and Betty Freeman of Tulsa; two sons, Joel A. Byrd of Muskogee and Joseph Smith of Walls; one sister, Mattie Harjo of Weleetka; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Pallbearers: Eugene Harjo, Johnson Roberts, Wallace Gambler, Thomas Deo, Andrew Proctor and Jerry Powell.

Faldo Meeks Washington

OKMULGEE -- Faldo Meeks Washington, 68, of Okmulgee, died Nov. 11, in Muskogee. He was born March 8, 1922 in Gore. Washington was a laborer. He grew up in Muskogee and in 1975 he moved to Okmulgee. Washington was a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict in the 180th Infantry. Wake services were Nov. 13 in Okmulgee. Funeral services were in Okmulgee with the Rev. Floyd Peters and the Rev. Tommy Phillips officiating. Burial was in the Okmulgee Cemetery. Survivors: his wife, Lillian Washington of Okmulgee; two sons, Donald Washington of Morris and David Washington of Okmulgee; two daughters, Linda Hendricks and Glenda Washington both of Okmulgee; one sister, Lena Washington of Muskogee; two half-brothers, Noah Sarnie and Bill Sarnie, both of Braggs; three half-sisters, Sallie Coachman and Nancy Phillip, both of Braggs, and Mary Barnett of Kansas City, Mo.; and eight grandchildren. Pallbearers: Noah Sarnie, Bill Sarnie, Edwin Moore Jr., Harry McCabe, Kenneth Davis and Clinton Checotah.

Billy Gene Proctor

HANNA -- Billy Gene Proctor, 53, died Nov. 11 in Bono's Nursing Home. Proctor was born July 27, 1937, in Hanna. Services were Nov. 13 at the Weogufkee Indian Baptist Church with the Rev. Frank Billy officiating. Burial was in the Weogufkee Cemetery. Survivors: his mother, Judy Proctor; his wife, Georgia Proctor; three daughters, Kellie, Serena and Charlotte; two sons, Jerry and Billy Jr.; two brothers, Luster and Andrew Proctor; five sisters, Minnie Proctor, Linda McCoy, Liza Proctor, Della Proctor and Lula Tansey. Pallbearers: Robert Francis, Yackie Yargee, Wesley Butler, Andy Butler, Donald Hopkins, Wilbur Gouge and Melvin McCoy.

Anderson Waters

HENRYETTA -- Anderson Waters, 86, of Henryetta, died Nov. 12. He was born Oct. 11, 1904, near Braggs. Wake service was Nov. 14 in Henryetta. Funeral services were Nov. 15 at Arbeka Baptist Church with the Rev. John Lowe officiating. Burial was in the Arbeka Cemetery. Survivors: his wife, Elcie Barnett of the home; one son, David Waters of Tahlequah; five daughters, Myrtle Frazer of Weleetka, Ruby Wilson and Betty Waters, both of Dewar, Nancy Crawford of Oklahoma City and Linda Waters of the home; 20 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Clifton F. Hill

OKMULGEE -- The Rev. Clifton Hill, 59, Okmulgee, died Nov. 11 in a Tulsa hospital. He was born Dec. 19, 1930, in Okemah. Wake service was Nov. 13 at Okmulgee Indian Baptist with the Rev. Harold Washington officiating. Funeral service was Nov. 14 at Okmulgee Indian Baptist with the Rev. Harley Barnoski officiating. Burial was in the Okmulgee Indian Baptist Cemetery under the direction of Kelley Funeral Home. Hill was an evangelical minister with the Ecumenical Conference of Indian Ministers. Hill was active in church and missions work. Survivors: his wife, Betty of the home; three sons, Nathaniel Hill of San Fran-

Letter of Thanks

Letters of thanks should be limited to 500 words or less. Letters should be typed and double-spaced. Letters longer than 500 words will be edited for space reasons and clarity.

Thank you for the tremendous outpouring of love, comfort and kind words during our brother's funeral, Clifton F. Hill, who was a leader in the Indian community. Together, he and Betty Buckley Hill, had 36 years of blissful marriage and raised three successful sons. Nathaniel Anthony Hill, Wilburn Kirby Hill and Christopher Clifton Hill. Clifton was a good and faithful servant to God.

Your prayers and presence strengthened our spirits and belief that we shall see our loved ones after death. As we sung, prayed and heard wonderful messages by several outstanding ministers we were comforted. Members of the family and friends stayed through the rest of the night.

Clifton truly was a blessing and an example through his dedicated Christian work and leadership among the Muscogee (Creek) people and many other people from all walks of life.

As a member of the Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church, he was faithful to his positions as Sunday School superintendent, Adult Sunday School teacher and minister.

Our appreciation goes to:

-- the Rev. Robert Washington and his wife Irene for their tireless efforts of assisting in coordinating the funeral services and the wonderful loving church members at Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church, who opened their camphouses to serve so many who came from far

distances.

-- the Rev. Harley Barnoski for officiating the services and to his wife, Lillian, for all her help.

-- the more than 20 ministers who were Clifton's colleagues in the ministry and friends who offered their comfort to the family.

-- the deacons and cooks.

-- the friends and relatives who stood outside in the cold at the wake.

-- representatives of Creek Nation who offered their support.

-- all those who cleaned up the camphouses and church premises and the men who prepared the gravesite.

Clifton did not want people to be tired on his account; therefore he requested a simple funeral.

Throughout his lifetime, he touched the lives of the poor, the hungry, the oppressed and victims of injustice.

He was committed to concerns of the Creek people. He fought for free election for the Creek Nation in the late 1950s to the early 60s. He believed in his civic duties and was politically astute in tribal laws and in issues that affected his local communities and other Indian communities.

His work was far reaching and included other nationalities. He believed that each person is responsible in life for making their community better for the next generation. His fervent prayer was "For one passes through this life once, any good he can do _ do it now."

This is only a small glimpse of dynamic man who knew his traditions and his life was an example to many.

In memory of Clifton Hill,

Jean Chaudhuri and Richinda Sands, Tempe, Ariz.

cisco, Wilburn K. Hill of Okmulgee and Clifton C. Hill of Stillwater; two sisters, Mrs. Ella J. Chaudury and Mrs. Richinda Sands, both of Tempe, Ariz.; two grandchildren.

Vera M. Barnett

SAPULPA -- Vera M. Barnett, 69, Okmulgee, died Nov. 16 in Sapulpa. Wake service was Nov. 19. Funeral service was Nov. 20 at the Pickett Chapel Indian Methodist Church. Retired from the Bartlett-Collins glass factory, Mrs. Barnett was preceded in death by her husband, Lowley Barnett. Survivors: daughters Patricia LaSarge and Jerilyn Freeman, both of Sapulpa; one son, Charles W. Barnett of Wapeto, Wash.; sister Polly Littlebear Boyd of Tulsa; brothers, Calvin Littlebear, Newman Littlebear, both of Kellyville and eight grandchildren.

Thomas Jones

SAPULPA -- Thomas Jones, 73, Sapulpa, died Nov. 3 at the U.S. Veterans Administration Hospital in Muskogee. Born Dec. 24, 1916, in Sapulpa. Prayer service was Nov. 6 at the Pickett Chapel. Funeral service was Nov. 7 at the Pickett Chapel with the Rev. Thomas Long and the Rev. Mike Harjo officiating. Military rites were given by the Sapulpa Veterans' Organization. Burial was in the Fort Gibson National Cemetery. Jones was a World War II veteran and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. Survivors: his wife, Mary of the home; sons Tommy Jones of Kellyville and Benny Jones of Sapulpa; stepsons Ed Keigley and Jim Keigley, both of Sapulpa; brother Laverne Jones of Sapulpa; sisters Georgia Brown of Coweta and Julia Wittingham and Rosa Marsey, both of Sapulpa; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Winfred Brooks Taryole

HENRYETTA -- Winfred Brooks Taryole, 56, of Henryetta, died Oct. 20 in Claremore. Taryole was

born March 6, 1934 in Okemah. He was a laborer. Services were Oct. 25 at the Shurden Chapel and burial was in the Taryole Family Cemetery. Preceding him in death was a son, Christopher Rydell Taryole. Survivors: one son, Ron L. Taryole of Kaibeto, Ariz.; one daughter, Tonya Lee of Oklahoma; two brothers, Steve Taryole of Taholah, Wash., and Wayne Taryole of Phoenix; two sisters, Norma Gene Craddock of Neban, N.C., and Jo Ann Didd of Elsanona, Utah; and his mother, Betsy Taryole of Henryetta.

Lehman 'Poogie' Brightman

EUFULA -- Lehman "Poogie" Brightman Sr., 85, of Eufaula died Nov. 19 in Eufaula. Services were Nov. 26 at the Eufaula First Baptist Church with the Rev. Walter Mullican officiating. Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery. Brightman was born July 16, 1905, at Eufaula, Indian Territory, the son of Pete and Fanny Sanger Brightman. He attended Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kan., where he was an accomplished athlete. He lettered in football, baseball and track. In 1926, he lacked two-tenths of a second in tying the world record in the 100-yard dash. In his senior year, he played on the Haskell team that defeated Brown University, at the time rated No. 1 in the country. He also attended Chillicothe Business College where he majored in telegraphy and played football. He played both professional football and baseball in the infancy of professional sports in Ohio. He was married to the former Phoebe Kingman in 1929. He served 17 years as a McIntosh County commissioner. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and two brothers, Monroe and Paul Brightman. Survivors: one son, Poogie Brightman Jr. of Pinole, Calif.; four grandsons, Lehman Brightman III, Lakota Gall Brightman and Quanah Brightman of Kansas and several nephews and nieces.

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Jeremy Deere

OKMULGEE -- Jeremy Deere, 17, of Okmulgee, died Nov. 22. Services were Nov. 28 at Spring Baptist Church in Sasakwa with the Rev. George Jesse officiating. Deere was born Dec. 21, 1972 at Henryetta. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Weleetka. Survivors: his mother Mona Barnett Morgan and stepfather Richard Morgan of Okmulgee; his father Larry Deere of Seminole; two brothers Brook Reed Nimsey of the home and Jason Deere of Seminole; three sisters Earley Nimsey and Sunshine Nimsey of the home and Jamie Deere of Seminole; paternal grandfather, Buster Deere of Seminole and maternal grandfather William Buster Barnett of Dustin. Pallbearers: Johnny Dale Morgan, Ryan Buckley, Richard Buckley, Thomas Morgan, Billy McLullen and David Lena.

Lula I. Neal

OKMULGEE -- Lula I. Neal, 69, of Okmulgee and formerly of Haskell died Nov. 24 at St. Francis Medical Center in Tulsa. She was born Jan. 7, 1921 in Haskell to Lewis and Ella Isaac. She had been a resident of the Okmulgee and Haskell area all of her life and a member of Concharty United Methodist Church. Services were Nov. 28 at Conchart United Methodist Church with the Revs. Newman Frank Sr. and George Miller officiating. Burial was in the Haskell Cemetery. She was preceded in death by her husband, John L. Neil, her son, John L. Neil Jr., and one sister. Survivors: six sons, Quinton Neal of Okmulgee, Raymond Neal of Coweta, Albert Neal, Dean Neal and Richard Neal of Haskell; five daughters, Ruth King and Reda Reddick of Haskell, Mary Schumacher of Chickasha, Loretta Ridley of Cyril, Dorothy Creek of Coweta; one sister, Nancy Raby of Okmulgee; 29 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Emma Tecumseh

OKMULGEE -- Emma Tecumseh, 91, of Okmulgee died Nov. 19 in St. Francis Medical Center in Tulsa. She was born Oct. 21, 1899 in Okmulgee County, Indian Territory, to Miller Bruner and Lucy

Colbert Bruner. She lived in Okmulgee all her life and was a homemaker. Prayer services were Nov. 22 in the Leonard Funeral Home Chapel. Wake services were Nov. 23 at Conchart Indian Methodist Church. Services were Nov. 24 at Conchart Indian Methodist with the Revs. Harry Long and Newman Frank officiating. Burial was in the Tecumseh family cemetery. She was preceded in death by her husband Eddie Tecumseh on Dec. 14, 1971. Survivors: two sons, Ellis and John Tecumseh of Okmulgee; on daughter, Nicey Wilson of Haskell; one brother, Tony Bruner of Haskell; 17 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren and 21 great-great grandchildren.

Aaron Lee Smith

HANNA -- Aaron Lee Smith, four months, died Nov. 17. Aaron Lee was born June 6 in Hanna. Services were Nov. 20 at the Sand Creek Baptist Church with the Revs. Lee Don Buckley and Frank Billy. Burial was in the Smith family cemetery in Hanna. Survivors: parents Mickey Jr. and Shana (Mead) Smith; a brother, Jacob Emmitt Ray Smith; sisters Charlette Clois Smith and Sissey Ranelle Smith; maternal grandparents, Jerry Mead of Weleetka and Sandra Fisk of Wetumka; and paternal grandparents, Mickey Smith Sr. and Lois Smith of Hanna. Pallbearers: Mason Leftwich, Jeffrey Mead, Archie Smith and Yardeka Byrd.

Hettie Mitchell Ott

EUFULA -- Hettie Mitchell Ott, 94, of Eufaula died Nov. 25. Services were Nov. 27 at Greenwood Cemetery with the Rev. Walter Mullican officiating. Ott was born Feb. 19, 1896, in Eufaula, Indian Territory, the daughter of Lewis and Billie Mitchell. She was raised in Eufaula and attended Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kan. She was a member of the Eufaula Indian Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Joel; two daughters, Evelyn Wilson and Polly Ann Madaleno and two brothers, Solomon and Morris Mitchell. Survivors: two daughters, Deloria Joyce Calhoun of Las Vegas, Nev., and Billie Mae Patrick of Dallas; two sisters, Alice Hill of Eufaula and Leona Mitchell of Tulsa; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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Creek Bingo Hall General Manager

JOB TITLE: General manager, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Bingo.

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Applicants must satisfy the following:

1. Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizen.
2. Cleet or Federal Certified Law Enforcement Officer with a minimum of three years experience.
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Deadline for applications is Dec. 31, 1990.

Send all inquiries, applications and resumes to: Lighthorse Commission The Muscogee (Creek) Nation P.O. Box 652 Okmulgee, OK 74447

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The University of Oklahoma's American Indian Institute is currently advertising for three (3) Community Development Assistants to work with its Nee-kon Porject -- specifically with young children and parents in the McLoud, Okla., area. For application information, contact the American Indian Institute at (405) 325-4127.

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Tribal District Court

CV 90-07: Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tax Commission v Ken Tiger, doing business as KT's Smokeshop. The suit seeks to close Tiger's smokeshop in Eufaula. Commission contends Tiger is not duly licensed for a smokeshop by the Creek Nation.

Tiger ordered by District Court Judge Patrick Moore to cease operations Nov. 11.

CV 90-09: Frank Kamp v Muscogee (Creek) Principal Chief Claude Cox

Kamp seeks a court order compelling Cox to comply with NCA 88-15. That ordinance requires the Principal Chief to submit the names of the directors of community services, human development, tribal affairs and finance to the National Council for approval.

Acting District Court Judge Richard Lerblance issues order Nov. 27 for Cox to comply with NCA 88-15.

CV 90-10: Ed Frye v Principal Chief Claude Cox, Executive Director Gary Breshears and Finance Director David Bryant

Frye seeks court order compelling defendants to release information regarding tribal employees, their grade, step and salaries to the National Council and to The Muscogee Nation News for publication.

District Court Judge Moore rules that the expenditure of tribal funds is subject to discovery and publication according to NCA 89-07.

Moore issues contempt citations Nov. 30 to each of the defendants for non-compliance with a court order and sets a Dec. 13 date for a contempt hearing.

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Soldier

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as a surprise. He had been expecting to go because of the situation in the Persian Gulf.

"It was just a matter of when," Wind said. "I volunteered to go two months ago. There are some of us who have been packed and ready to go since then."

Daniel, who is three-fourths Muscogee Creek and one-fourth Cherokee, is a 1987 graduate of Henryetta High School and the son of Daniel and Anna Wind of Henryetta. Daniel Wind lives in Okmulgee with his wife, Stephanie Carmona Wind, and their four children.

Daniel said he is more than willing to go because he feels it is his responsibility to his country and the people of the United States. Stephanie's sentiments are the same as her husband's.

"He's going for us and going for our family and everyone else. I feel like it's his obligation to the Marine Corps and to the U.S.," Stephanie said.

Right now, Daniel is at Camp Lejeune, S.C., where he said his battalion probably will stay only long enough to get new uniforms and prepare their vehicles for the desert.

If Wind's estimations are correct, his battalion should be in Saudi Arabia by mid-December.

Wind said he's confident in the men of his battalion. One member is fellow Muscogee Creek, Monroe Burgess, Jr., also of Henryetta.

Wind said he believes they are well prepared for the Saudi deserts. Much of his battalion annual training has been in places like the Mojave Desert.

"We've always trained for this, or always trained out in the desert, so we're prepared to stay and fight if we have to," Wind said. "I have a lot of faith in the men I'll be out there with because we're almost as well trained as active duty. We do in two weeks what they do in one year."

Once activated in Saudi Arabia the battalion will be there for at least six months to a year, he said.

Daniel has packed plenty of items to fight off boredom.

"I don't like leaving my family, my kids. I know I'm going to miss my kids a lot. They're so young and I'm just

watching them grow ... but I volunteered, so I'm ready. I look at it like I'm not only defending my country, but my family, too."

- Daniel Wind



"I'll have my bingo bag with me," he joked, having worked at Creek Nation's Okmulgee Bingo for the last six months.

He's also taking plenty of paperbacks, a camera, headset and pictures of his children. He said he's kind of excited about going, although he will really miss his wife and children.

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Kellyville

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called her back and Brown said that she had contacted the LHA and would not need the department's assistance, Nichols said.

Steve Vernon, Kellyville Chief of Police, responded to the call but said since he had no jurisdiction he didn't thoroughly investigate.

"It was in my best interest to respond due to this specific type of burglary being a problem countywide," Vernon said.

Within the last two and one-half months there have been continual burglaries of rural convenience stores in which cigarettes have been stolen, Nichols said.

Vernon responded to Kellyville's burglary in order to get further information regarding the burglary problem, he said.

Marsey Scott, LHA security supervisor, was made aware of the situation at 8:43 a.m. and, according to his reports, arrived at the smokeshop at 9:45 a.m.

"Anybody that has jurisdiction on that property is too far away to help them," Vernon said.

"We can detain burglars until someone (LHA or a federal marshal) arrives there, but then it's kind of a sticky situation and that's a bad deal for Indians with property in this area."

Brown said, "It's really an issue that needs to be looked at because a lot of community centers are in secluded areas."

On the morning of the second burglary, Nov. 14, Brown said she called the sheriff's department, but could not get any response. Nichols said the department has no record of Brown calling on that date.

According to Scott's reports, he was notified of the burglary at 8:20 a.m. and arrived at the scene at 9:47.

Nichols said, "Until this issue is resolved we're going to do it just like we do everybody else."

Nichols said at a recent meeting of Oklahoma sheriffs, chiefs of police, the U.S. Attorney's office and the Bureau of Indian Affairs jurisdiction problems on sovereign land were discussed.

Nichols said a temporary alternative to the problem was offered at the meeting. He said a temporary solution may be dual commission with U.S. Federal Marshalls and the BIA.

(Contributing to this report: Jim Wolfe).

Lighthouse

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is appointed as Lighthouse Chief.

Williams said the tribe needs law enforcement and that it needs to be out of the political process.

"I don't have any animosity toward Richard Larney at all," Williams said. "He has been in law enforcement a long time and he was just put in a difficult position."

"The tribe definitely has to have law enforcement whether I am the chief or not doesn't matter."

Williams said he is aware of the political differences between the branches of tribal government but insists political preferences have no place in law enforcement.

Williams was an Okmulgee District Representative to the National Council for two terms. He lost a re-election bid to Charlie Litsey in the 1989 Council election.

"I fought (the administration) when I was on the Council," Williams said. "Now I have a different job and responsibilities. Our people need protection. I'm just trying to do what's right."

Veteran

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in Kuwait should have been taken out before the gulf crisis got to the point it is now.

"They've waited too long just like they did Vietnam. I think they should go over and hit them if they going to do it," Dunn said.

Dunn said there are three different categories of men going to Saudi Arabia. There are Vietnam veterans, those who want to fight and those who don't.

Dunn, who served two tours of duty during '69, '70 and '71, is among Vietnam veterans who are willing to fight in the Persian Gulf.

"I wouldn't mind going back if I didn't have to play like I was a rookie and didn't know what I was doing," said Dunn, who was listed as missing in action during his last two weeks in Vietnam.

A lot of the men of Saudi Arabia are just "kids and have never been out in war," he said.

He said he believes experienced veterans need to be sent to the Persian Gulf. Dunn said Vietnam veterans are viewed as "psycho cases" and many are being discouraged from going to the Persian Gulf.

"It's bad when they leave out a veteran that could tell them something. They need vets over there, but they don't want them over there because they don't want to show what a vet can do."

Dunn has two brothers, Thomas and Wesley, who also fought in Vietnam. Wesley Dunn is currently the Mvskoke Vietnam Era Veterans color guard commander.

Dunn contends the U.S. government is more concerned with what it can do for other countries than what it can do for American people, particularly Native Americans.

"It seems like the U.S. wants to help every other country, but they don't want to help us, especially Indians," he said.

Dunn seems most frustrated with the U.S. financial support of refugees who arrive in America when "the Vietnam vet came back and couldn't get crap and still can't."

"The veterans are always put in back and I hope these guys from Saudi don't run into the same thing."



Budget

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receiving the same benefits as full-time tribal employees but the committee had removed that provision from the budget because the two are elected officials.

Council representatives do not receive medical or legal benefits. They are paid \$3,000 annually and reimbursed for mileage.

Cox will receive full-time employee benefits equalling 30.5 percent of his \$30,000 annual salary.

Coopers and Lybrand, a Big Eight accounting firm, has conducted audits for tribal expenditures beginning with fiscal year 1988. The firm has begun auditing FY 1990 expenditures.

The committee removed the money for tribal audits from the finance director's budget and made it a separate line item, expended by ordinance. The Council did not approve the contract with Coopers and Lybrand but agreed to fund the final payment.

The \$13.2 million budget is \$95,000 less than

the administration request for 1991 funding. The committee trimmed the administration and treasury budgets by more than \$150,000 but applied \$64,070 for supplemental appropriations to reach the final figure.

Tulsa District Rep. Jerry Wilson, a business and government committee member, told the Council and a crowd of more than 100 that the negotiations were beneficial.

"This has been a learning process for the whole tribe," Wilson said. "Just going through the process strengthens the tribal government."

Cox said the overall budget was satisfactory.

"We kept most of the services and employees working," Cox said. "Social services was cut some and the school clothing grant was cut."

Creek District Rep. Ed Frye, committee chairman, said the budget did include the clothing grant when passed.

Cox said he will attempt to get a supplemental appropriations through the legislative process for

the social services.

Creek Nation Community Health Representative manager Tressia Ables said she was relieved that a budget was approved but that the delays were unnecessary.

"There is so much need (among citizens) that this should have been reached a long time ago."

The 1991 budget is \$2 million more than the \$11.2 million budget the Council approved in August. \$500,000 of that increase reflects the inclusion of the community development block grant act.

The administration budget sought \$13.8 million initially for 1991. Administration's final submissions called for \$13.3 million.

Among the programs receiving cuts are the executive office, \$23,362; administration, \$28,507; and \$101,923 from the office of the treasury.

The Council reserved \$64,070 in the supplemental appropriations line item to pay for the tribal audit. The final figure was \$13,221,826.

Council

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funds from the Natural Resources contract for reimbursement to the agribusiness account.

The Council met in special session Nov. 29 to consider the FY 1991 comprehensive budget (see related story page one).

The Council also,

-- approved changes in the work statements for the Natural Resources and Aid to Tribal Government contracts. The tribe contracts these programs from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Changes in the former are using "trust and restricted lands" rather than tribal lands. Funds from the latter contract are used to fund the economic development department and security. The changes in that statement of work define security to include tribal law enforcement activities.

-- approved a separate line item in the comprehensive budget for payment to the accounting firm Coopers and Lybrand for the 1990 tribal audit. The contract with Coopers and Lybrand was signed three years ago and is between the administration and the accounting firm. The Council did not approve that contract.

-- approved the Chief to receive fringe benefits equalling 30.5 percent of his \$30,000 salary. Included in that figure are direct overhead costs like payroll and Social Security taxes.

Order

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September, issued the order Nov. 27.

The suit, filed by McIntosh District Rep. Frank Kamp, asked the court to order Cox to comply with NCA 88-15. That ordinance defined the directors' offices within the executive branch of the tribal government.

The ordinance calls for the Chief to submit the directors of the tribe's four divisions to the National Council for approval.

Currently those positions are staffed at the Chief's discretion. Those divisions and directors: tribal affairs, Buddy York; human development, Emmanuel Morgan; finance, David Bryant. The community services director position is vacant.

The bill was passed by the Council March 26, 1988. It was vetoed by Cox but the Council overrode that veto with a 20-2 vote May 7, 1988.

Neither the Creek Constitution nor ordinance provides for a mandamus order -- a specific-action court order. Lerblance referred to state statutes

Grant

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Toney Hill, Tribal Town Organization chairman and Greenleaf Micco is presented a scarf by Kenneth Childers, National Council speaker of the house.

however, for guidance.

Oklahoma law provides for a writ of mandamus to be issued "when the right to require the performance of the act is clear, and it is apparent that no value excuse can be given for not performing it."

Lerblance ruled that no evidence of compliance had been given by tribal administrators.

According to tribal records, Cox, Creek Nation executive director Gary Breshears, Bryant, York and Morgan were served notice of the hearing. None attended.

Cox said he would ignore the latest court order as he has been doing with other court orders. He said the rulings are politically motivated though Lerblance is the newest Supreme Court Justice and was nominated for that position by Cox.

"(The Council) would like to get rid of Buddy York and David Bryant," Cox said. "They'd like to get rid of me if they could."

Micco, and Moore on their hard years of work involved in obtaining the center.

"I'm glad to see this organization has leaders that have stuck with it all these years and have accomplished something," said Frank Kamp, McIntosh District representative.

Kamp also encouraged the room full of traditional Muscogees to run for National Council office in order to have representation for the traditional people.

Moore stressed the need for donations of money or time, especially those with carpentry experience.

"Most people here can look at a doorway or part of the porch with pride that they made it and this is how this center was built," Moore said.

Shelly Crow, chairperson of the Muscogee Nation Hospital and Clinics Board, distributed fetal alcohol syndrome pamphlets written in the Muscogee and Yuchi language.

She encouraged the audience to let the hospital and clinics board know if they are having problems accessing the Muscogee Nation health care systems.

"We would also like to hear positive remarks," Crow said.

Kenneth Childers, National Council Speaker of the House, commended the tribal town leaders on their efforts.

"It's kind of ironic that the Creek Nation has less than a mile away from here a \$300,000 joke (referring to the Creek Athletic Repair and Equipment Services) and you people here are building this building on donations," Childers said.

"I see billions of dollars going into big projects and sometimes they work and sometimes they don't," said Eddie LaGrone, Talihina agency Bureau of Indian Affairs field representative. "Then you see things like the Tribal Town Center that exist from community effort."

"This project will go in forever and many generations will benefit from this."

Other Muscogee Nation officials attending: Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa District representative and Perry Beaver, Second Chief.

Following comments from the guests traditional food was served, a stickball game was played and tribal town members participated in the Buffalo Dance and stomp dancing.

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Buffalo Dance

Photo by Stephanie Berryhill
Jimmy Gibson, Duck Creek helps lead the Buffalo Dance, at the Tribal Town Center grand opening, with Greenleaf dancers Linda Alexander, Bertha Tilkins and Jimmy Deer following closely behind.



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